

MISSOURI LANDOWNER SUCCUMBS TO WOUNDS

Cairo, Ill., January 6.—The body of Charles McMullin, age 60, owner of more than 6000 acres of land in Southeast Missouri, who died at St. Mary's Hospital Tuesday night, from gunshot wounds inflicted on New Year at La Valle, Mo., by Frank Riley, a tenant and said by officials to be a bootlegger and moonshiner, was taken to his home at Sikeston, Mo., today following the inquest conducted by Coroner O. M. Dickerson.

Riley fired a charge from a shotgun into McMullin's side at close range "without the slightest provocation", according to the testimony of Robert Minner, land foreman for McMullin, and fired a second load, the shot striking the land owner in the head, after he had begged Riley not to kill him.

Riley had gone for his gun when McMullin had suggested that some hogs he had put on the place for Riley to feed, be sold. "I guess you had better leave the hogs here", Riley is reported to have said before he shouted to McMullin and Minner to hold up their hands and immediately fired at McMullin.

After being fatally wounded, McMullin drew a revolver and returned the moonshiners' fire, but succeeded only in inflicting two flesh wounds.

The hogs had been bought and placed in Riley's care. He was to feed them on corn he had grown on McMullin's place and the difference in the original cost of the hogs and their eventual selling price was to be applied as rent by Riley for the land rented from McMullin. But the tenant had failed to feed, water or otherwise care for the hogs, and had threatened to kill persons sent there to tend them, according to Minner's testimony. He suspected that these persons stopping to feed the hogs were sent to spy on his moonshining operation, Minner said.

Prior to the fatal shooting, Riley had just paid a fine of \$600 in the courts of Stoddard County on conviction of liquor charges. He has been fined no less than half dozen times in connection with the illegal sale and manufacture of liquor, according to report.

The formal verdict of the coroner's jury here was to the effect that McMullin died from gunshot wounds inflicted by Frank Riley.

The above tells the story of the passing of Chas. F. McMullin at Cairo, Ill. He was one of a large family of children who were born at the McMullin homestead a few miles north of Sikeston and the last of the male members of the family. Five sisters survive: Mrs. Jane Mills, Mrs. Mollie Marshall, Mrs. Bettie Matthews and Mrs. James Klein of Sikeston, and Mrs. J. J. Hunter of Cape Girardeau.

Mr. McMullin was 60 years of age the past August and has lived in Scott County all his life. Twenty years ago he was married to Miss Mattie Warren of Cape Girardeau, who survives, and their married life has been one of quiet happiness from start to finish. They were sweethearts to the end. The last words that he uttered was to tell his wife how happy he had been with her.

In manner, C. F. McMullin was modest and retiring, but when he was called on to lend a helping hand for the better things for his town and community, he spared neither time or money to put them over. He was considered a power in developing Southeast Missouri and to his wonderful foresight and management he accomplished much and accumulated considerable land holdings. The thirteen years that the writer has known him, we have considered him honest, upright and his word as good as his bond. He was firm when he believed he was right, but gave careful consideration before making his decision. He was respected by friends and foe alike, for he was square and out in the open. He will be missed in the affairs of this community and the sad part is that he was killed by a man whom he furnished bread and butter and a roof over his head.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Brite officiating, to which a large concourse of friends and relatives attended. The sympathy of this entire community is with the bereaved in their sorrow.

There is always two sides to every question and information being sent out from Stoddard County is to the effect that Riley has two witnesses who claim to have seen the shooting start within a barn, and who claim

McMullin started firing as soon as he saw Riley. Mr. McMullin and his foreman claim Riley started the shooting. We people in Mr. McMullin's home town will never believe he would say that Riley shot first unless it was so. Riley is a law breaker and has been fined for making moonshine whisky besides having had other charges made against him. He may prove his contention by ten witnesses instead of two, but that will not make it so. Charles McMullin is dead and buried, but his word in the past will suffice for the future and God Almighty will be the final judge.

Up to 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning Riley had not been taken into custody though an information by an eyewitness who was present at the time, was sworn out the morning of the shooting, and another information filed by Prosecuting Attorney Powell charging first degree murder, was issued after the death of Mr. McMullin. The sheriff of Stoddard County has not acted on either. People in this community are highly incensed at the actions of the sheriff of Stoddard County in not taking Riley into custody before this. If Riley is guilty of starting the trouble, he ought to be anxious for a preliminary hearing to justify him in the shooting. There is a mess of ugly rumors going the rounds and a prompt arrest and prompt hearing will do much to clear the atmosphere.

GOOD MOTHER GOES TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Marshall died at her home in this city Wednesday morning, in her 76th year of age. She had not been well for many months, but her condition did not become serious until of late and for the past week her passing was expected at any time.

She was born near Benton in Scott County, April 11, 1849, and lived in this county all her life, the last 20 years were spent in Sikeston. She was twice married, the first time to John Austin, to which union two children were born, Mrs. Florence Marshall and Miss Kate Austin, both of Sikeston. Her second marriage was to Samuel Marshall and to this union four children were born, one of whom, George W., died several years ago; Joseph C., of Detroit, Mich., Cyrus of Crowder and Reese of Cape Girardeau, survive her. In addition to her own children, she left three stepchildren, James Marshall of Sikeston, Sterling of Dudley, and Isaac of Blodgett, who she loved as her own.

Mrs. Marshall had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years and lived and died a Christian woman. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, after which her mortal remains will be laid to rest in the Sikeston Mausoleum to await the day of judgment.

Mrs. Marshall was a splendid woman, a good neighbor, a loving mother, and her passing will be keenly felt by those who were near and dear to her. She was a lovable character of sweet disposition, patient and sympathetic with her children, her stepchildren and her grandchildren. These are the things that made her passing more sorrowful to those left behind.

There is much consolation in the life and death of this good woman for the life she lived was a shining example to those who yet live.

To the bereaved The Standard joins their many friends in condolences.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayden are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Manning Greer of Cape Girardeau.

Dave King, Division Construction Engineer of State Highway Department, Division No. 10, returned Tuesday morning from a three-weeks' visit in Reading, Penn., his former home. Mrs. King, who has been in Reading some time for her health returned with him. The trip, something over 1100 miles, was made in Mr. King's Hudson coach, in thirty hours time.

Senator Reed thinks Congress ought to repeal the conspiracy act, and we can tell him how public sentiment may be aroused against it. If someone in the Department of Justice will pick out a big corporation and indict all the officers, attorneys, directors, etc., for conspiracy against the Government in making the corporation's income tax return, railroad the whole outfit to prison on a special train and make an example of them for the benefit of all revenue payers, every corporation in the country will start for Washington overnight to get the conspiracy act repealed.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

Ford NATIONAL SHOW WEEK JANUARY 9-16

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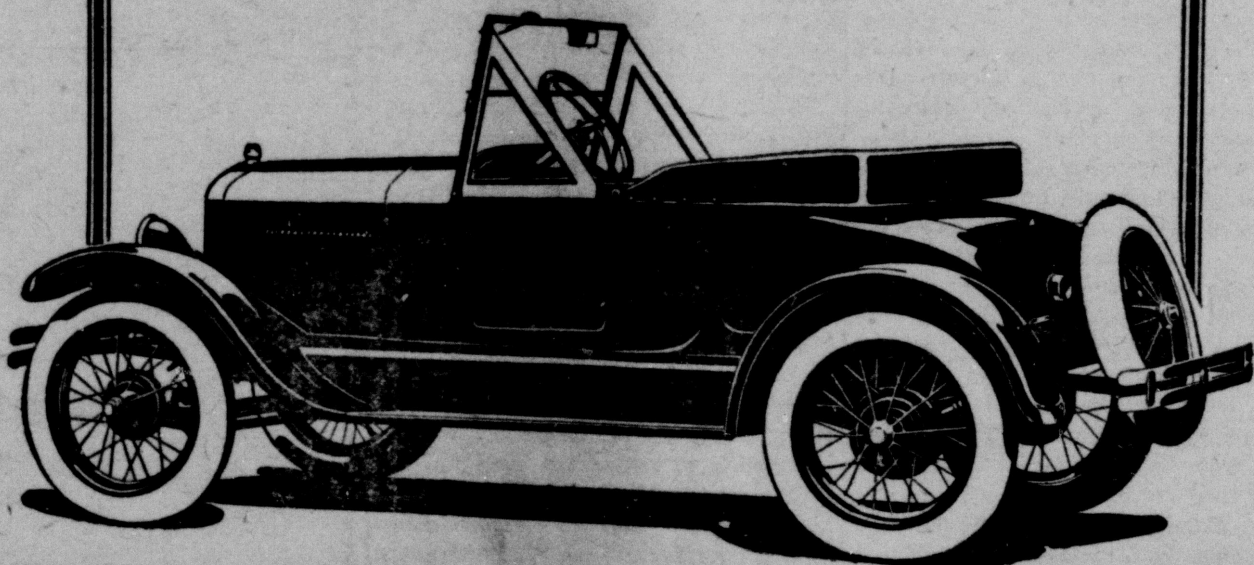
From January 9 to 16, all Ford Dealers will hold a National Show—exhibiting the improved Ford cars and featuring the latest Ford equipment.

This will be the finest display of Ford passenger cars the public has ever seen. It will give you an entirely new conception of the beauty and utility of the various Ford body types. Even if you have already made a careful inspection of the improved Ford cars, you should see this Display—for it is something entirely new.

The Show will begin Saturday morning January 9, and will last until Saturday night, January 16. Be sure to see it!

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BULLET WOUND PROVES FATAL TO YOUNG MAN

Weldon Lee, prominent young business man of Morley, died in a Cape Girardeau hospital at 10:30 o'clock Monday night from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted earlier in the day while he was working with an automatic revolver at his business establishment there.

An internal hemorrhage resulting from the bullet severing major arteries in his body is thought to have caused his death. The bullet, entering his body on the left side a short distance below the heart, emerged at the back.

The remains were taken to Morley early today where funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Services will be at the Baptist Church, there with Rev. W. Patterson in charge. Interment will be in the Morley cemetery.

Admired by hundreds of friends, Lee was one of the more popular young men of the Scott county town, and was recognized as a substantial citizen. He was part owner of the mercantile company with his father and brother, and also had considerable other property. He attended grade and high school in Morley, where he was prominent in athletics, and was a student in the Teachers' College here two years ago.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lee; three sisters, Mrs. C. D. Cummins, Miss Helen and Mrs. Harris Foster; three brothers, Herbert, Martin and Jack Lee, all of whom reside at Morley. Miss Opal Lovelace of Poplar Bluff, a teacher in the Morley school, to whom he was to have been married in the summer, accompanied him to the hospital and was with him when he passed away.

The young business man had gone to the Morley Mercantile store in Morley, which was operated and owned by himself and his father, J. R. Lee, early Monday morning to open the place for business. After getting the place of business ready for customers, he had taken the revolver, a 32-calibre automatic, from a desk drawer and was trying to take a cartridge from the weapon.

Weldon told his brothers after the accident, that he was holding the muzzle of the gun toward himself and was prying on the load when it was accidentally fired. The bullet, steel-jacketed, passed through his body just below his heart.

C. D. Cummins and his wife, a sister to Weldon, were first to learn of the accident, they calling physicians

at once and summoning an ambulance from Cape Girardeau. When first treated at the hospital here it was hoped that the young man might recover, but the wound proved fatal, death coming at 10:30 last night.

Young Lee leaves a host of friends in the vicinity of Morley, where he had resided practically all of his life and had been in business about two years, and a number in Cape Girardeau, where he attended Teachers' College a short time two years ago.—Cape Missourian.

BUEL CROSBY BRINGS HOME A BRIDE FROM CANEY, KAS.

Miss Hollie Wise and Buel Crosby, a prominent young business man of Cheptopa, were married Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. Crosby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crosby, at Caney, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Clark, pastor of the Caney Presbyterian church. They returned to Cheptopa yesterday, and will make their home with St. Elmo Porter until the return of Mrs. Porter, who is now in California. Mrs. Porter is an aunt of Mr. Crosby.

The bride is a Missouri girl, but for some time has been located at Caney as manager of the Western Union telegraph office. She is an accomplished young lady, having attended the Missouri teachers college at Cape Girardeau and being a graduate of the Chillicothe Business College. Mr. Crosby is one of the promising young business men of Cheptopa, being associated with St. Elmo Porter in the latter's hardware and implement store, being manager of the recently established and rapidly growing radio department. The Advance joins the many friends of these happy young people in best wishes.—Cheptopa, (Kas.) Advance.

Mrs. Crosby was formerly of this city and with the Western Union office of this city and has many friends in this city who wish her happiness. She is a sister of Mrs. H. L. Hetlage of Kewanee.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends, who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Fred Hill. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Fred Hill and Daughters.

Bonnie Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith, has gone to Chillicothe, where she enrolled Saturday at the Chillicothe Business College for the Stenographic Course.

FADS AND FANCIES IN SIKESTON STORES

Lovely silk umbrellas with amber tips and beautiful handles in all colors at the Sikeston Mercantile Store.

Pretty crepe de chine frock in the new lipstick red, trimmed in gold cloth at Pinnel's Store.

Classy ladies' pumps in a patent leather or tan kid with Cuban heel at Sarsars.

Nice little three-piece chinchilla suits in tan, red or brown for children at Harry Lampert's.

A most unique watch in a sterling silver case, which can be worn on a cord around a ladies' neck, on a man's watch chain, or be opened and placed on a dressing table as a clock at Yanson, the Jeweler.

Some new Royal Society packages containing dainty voile dresses at Miss Daisy Garden's Millinery.

Westcott hosiery in pretty spring colors at the People's Store.

A bed spread set in imported white lace at Mrs. A. E. Shankle's Shop.

Novelty black satin pumps at Kugman Store Co.

Nice Durlin felt base rugs in conservative colors at Hughes & McElroy.

Up-to-date Cranes Carrille stationery in linen in beautiful designs.—White's Drug Co.

Real white English imported broadcloth shirts at Citizens Store Co.

Some good looking springs hats at the De Cant Shop.

Masonic bill folds of genuine Meeker make of genuine steer hide hand modded and hand-laced at Johnson & Johnson.

Good looking dark blue corduroy sheep-skin coat at Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co.

Chic spring hats of ribbon at the Elite Hat Shop.

Stylish new Hart-Schaffner suits in new bracken shade at Foster Clothing Company.

Dainty boudoir caps at Miss M. E. Martin's.

An O. K. hand lotion at Hess & Co. Something new in furniture is the occasional table at Dempster Furniture Co.

A beautiful bedroom suite in Huguenot walnut at Cole's Furniture Co.

A pleasing dinner set of semi-porcelain wear in the Pershing design at the H. & S. Economy Store.

A pretty potted fern at Sikeston Seed Co.

Some attractive hand-painted bowls at Farmers Dry Goods & Clo. Co. Beautiful tea sets in imported china at the Derris Drug Store.

STUBBS MOTOR CO. BANQUETS SALESMEN

One of the most enjoyable affairs held in Sikeston so far this season was the banquet given at the home of H. Clay Stubbs, Monday evening, by the Stubbs Motor Co. to their salesmen and heads of their departments. This was another of the get-together gatherings that the Stubbs Motor Co. give at stated times. This was the first meeting of the New Year and the outlining of plans for the various departments was freely discussed.

National Display Week, January 9 to 16, will be observed by all dealers in Ford products and this subject was before the banqueters. The Stubbs Motor Co. expects to have their display rooms fittingly decorated for the occasion and every type of car and tractor manufactured by the Ford Company will be on display. During this entire week special orchestra music will be given in addition to a radio concert by the New York branch of the Ford Company. The Ford Old-Fashioned Dance Orchestra will broadcast this program.

The Stubbs Motor Co. expect to open their Annual Used Car Show where they will have on display a large array of different style cars and all guaranteed ready to ramble.

A National Salesman's Contest started January 1 and will close on March 31. The United States is divided into two sections—North and South. Each section is divided into 13 divisions and each division will send a man to Detroit free of charge to the one making the greatest number of sales during the time the contest is on. The winner in each division will be chosen by volume sales and the towns will be classified according to population. Last year a similar contest was held and Clay Stubbs failed to win one of the trips by the small margin of three cars. He is entering the contest again this year in cities of from 2000 to 5000 population and asks his friends to lend their assistance by telling him of any prospective sales during this time.

Those present were: Joe Stubbs, president; H. Clay Stubbs, sales manager; Sidney Schilling and Charles Barnett, bookkeepers; Earl Johnson, service manager; J. Frank Roberts, used car department manager; Clarence Weekly, cashier; R. L. Jackson, sales department; J. W. Robertson, manager tractor department; Earl Barrs, manager parts department.

MISSOURI SPENT FIFTY- NINE MILLION IN 1925

Jefferson City, January 4.—Missouri spent more than \$59,000,000 last year from the State Treasury. Receipts for the year were more than \$56,000,000.

This was announced late today by State Treasurer C. E. Stephens.

The state's total Treasury balance at the close of business December 31, 1925, was \$751,346.33, compared with a balance of \$11,357,166.30 on December 31, 1924, it was shown.

Total disbursements for the year amounted to \$59,22,025, while receipts totaled \$56,616,205, including \$15,000,000 of state road bonds.

There was a balance of only \$148,630.10 in the state revenue fund at the close of 1925, compared with a balance of \$1,421,530 at the end of 1924, according to records. Receipts into the revenue fund for the year amounted to \$10,802,040, while disbursements totaled \$12,074,941, it was shown. Of the total receipts, \$3,33,82 was transferred to the public school fund under the provision which requires one-third of all revenue collected go to the public schools.

The state road fund, at the close of 1925, showed a balance of \$2,622,983, compared with a balance of \$4,265,689 at the close of 1924. Receipts into the road fund during all of last year were \$2,985,355, while disbursements amounted to \$29,628,061, according to the Treasury records.

Holds Perfect Hand in Bridge

John Joe Russell of this city, an employee of the Highway Department, held a perfect hand in bridge a few nights ago. The hand consisted of 13 diamonds and is to our knowledge, the first time a perfect hand in bridge has been held in Southeast Missouri.

Why go to some other state or country to make our fortune when there are many opportunities at home with surrounding conditions which we are familiar with and able to meet? Work and boost Southeast Missouri. Help and Sanitation.

WALLACE WRITES HE WAS KIDNAPPED

On the day of the meeting of the members of the Scott Wallace Cave Association in this city, a letter was received from him postmarked at Kennett, Mo., stating that he had been kidnapped by three men and an old lady on a lonely road three miles north of Dexter. He lost his order case and a lead pencil at the point designated, which articles were duly found by a searching party from Sikeston headed by Clint Kindred. Lcky Arthur, carefully scrutinized the pencil to see if he could discover any clue on which to work. He finally decided that it was the pencil used in writing the kidnapped letter and it will be reserved as an exhibit in a cave of their own that the members will probably dig. From far away Bragadocia in Pemiscot county, came a member, and member he was for, he exhibited an old piece of Confederate scrip on the back of which was printed the announcement that the holder was a member in good standing and had exchanged a good \$5 Federal bill for the Confederate certificate. From the northern edge of Cape Girardeau, came Lee Welman, Ben Vineyard and W. C. Pattengale, who were "interested though not members".

There were supposed to be but 30 members to this select association, but when the Montgomery store in Frisco was cleared and members only admitted who could produce the certificate, 47 noses were counted including Herschel Randolph, who seemed to be the bull goose in the absence of the kidnapped one.

The editor of The Standard could not secure admission as a representative of the press, as some of the members seemed to feel that they had already been pressed a little too much.

A number of soap box speeches were made on the inside of the hall, the trend of which did not filter thru the window. By grapevine telegraph, it was said a hamburger man from Lilbourn, made the proposition to the 47 varieties, to match his \$1.75 and they could dig a cave of their own.

In the meantime, Scott Wallace, the kidnapped one, may be languishing in the bowels of his own bat cave sampling some of the moonshine that he reported was there. Some of the unsympathetic members said if Wallace had reported that he had been kidnapped by a young and handsome woman, they would have believed it, but no man in his right mind, would be kidnapped by an old lady. Ain't it the truth!

THE WHITE FAMILY MEET IN SIKESTON

Sunday, January 3, will be a day long remembered by the Clan of White, for it was a reunion of this splendid family. From Oklahoma City came one brother, from St. Louis another, from Fredericktown the sister. The homestead of the White family is now the home of Pitts White near Bertrand, and the place where they attended church in their youth was at Bertrand, so it was the church of long ago, that this family of mature people attended Sunday, after which they came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White in this city, where they partook of a dinner fit for the Kings. At this gathering were: C. E. White, of Oklahoma City, superintendent of Reliance Insurance Company of Pittsburg; R. C. White, General Superintendent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad; Mrs. C. L. Whitener of Fredericktown, Pitts White of Bertrand, and C. C. and J. Edgar White of this city. With other members of the White families fifteen were at the dinner. The Standard wishes for the "White Family" long life and many such reunions.

Mrs. J. D. Dell of Carbondale, Ill., has been a visitor in the W. H. Carter home for several days.

M. L. Weiss of St. Louis came down during the holidays to spend a short while visiting friends. It had been 16 months since he left Sikeston and he still wishes to be back. All friends at this end of the line were glad to see him.

The Woman's Club at its regular meeting at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon was well attended and Rev. Enzor of the Methodist church gave an interesting address with three subjects as follows: "Individual Responsibility", "Training Our Children for Community Service", "City Work and boost Southeast Missouri. Help and Sanitation".

CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff, Mrs. I. H. Dunaway, Mrs. Josie Hart and Mrs. Bryce Edwards attended the funeral of Chas. McMullin in Sikeston Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Josephine Hart entertained with two tables of bridge Tuesday afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames W. O. Mason, L. I. Gray, R. I. Biennert, I. H. Dunaway, Ed Hindman, F. G. Zillmer, J. W. Sarff and Bryce Edwards. A dainty two-course luncheon was served.

The Nazarenes have started a 3-weeks' revival meeting. Rev. E. C. Dees of Oklahoma preached the first sermon last Sunday night. Miss Edith Olinghouse of Indiana is the singer and the evangelist is from Georgia.

Little Marguerite Sturgeon is very ill with membranous croup.

The infant son of Hilary Boone and wife has been very ill with double pneumonia but it better and able to be up a little.

Miss Opal Travilion, age 17, passed away at her home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, after several weeks' illness. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church by Rev. Patterson Tuesday afternoon and interment was in the Sikeston cemetery.

The year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Hunter died recently from stomach trouble. He was the only son in a family of five girls.

The high school basketball team play a double header against Gideon

Friday night on the local court.

A sale at Buffington held by A. C. Whitener and his tenant Frye, was not well attended but prices were very satisfactory on most items sold.

Next Friday a public sale will be held at the L. M. Stallcup farm, three miles southeast of Morehouse on the Canolou rock road.

Some women are good housekeepers, but poor home-makers.

Mrs. L. B. Craven and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Lilbourn were in Sikeston on business, Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Jones and son Russell have returned from Plant City, Fla., where they visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Edwin Griffin and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith were in St. Louis during the week. They were accompanied by Miss Mildred Kimes. On the return trip Dr. Porter Kendall accompanied.

We understand the Cotton Pickers lost their game with Ste. Genevieve Wednesday night. The team didn't arrive there until 9 p. m. and lacked time to properly warm up to the game.

The editor and wife enjoyed the opening dinner at the Kirby Cafe, on Wednesday. Everything from back door of the front is new and clean and was appetizing. Mrs. Gentles is in charge of the big hotel range and is a cook of high order and long experience. Mr. Kirby will be assisted by his two sons, who have had much experience in this line and they will continue to make a financial success of the restaurant business in the future as they have in the past.

APPROACHING STATE SPELLING CONTEST

I have just received notice from State Supt. Lee, of the approaching State Spelling Contest. The contest this year will be divided into three divisions; rural, elementary school and high school. This will not cause any competition between rural schools and elementary school of the towns and villages. All parochial schools are included in the contest.

No word list will be sent out this year from the State Superintendent's office. Words generally used in newspapers will be used in the State Contest.

The date of the district contest to be held for this district at the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau will be announced by the committee soon. Watch the papers for the date. As soon as the date for the district contest is announced, I will announce the time and place for the county contests—three in number; rural, elementary and high school.

The general regulations governing the county contests as used last year seemed successful and I am sure will be equally as successful this year. Each school will be allowed two contestants (four where there is a high school), to be selected by the local school in any manner they choose.

Since no word list is being sent out by the State Department there will be no list sent from this office. The list used in the county contest will contain no unusual or "catch" words, but words generally found in newspa-

pers and general reading. Begin now to prepare your pupils for the county contest.

Mr. Lee has also announced that the questions in Pedagogy for teachers examinations this year will be based upon the following two books:

Modern Methods and the Elementary Curriculum, Phillips Rural Life and Education, Cubberly.

These books should be read by teachers desiring renewal of certificates in order to comply with the reading circle.—J. H. GOODIN, County Supt. of Schools.

Real up-to-date shirts in the Arrow brand make at J. W. Kimes & Co.

Come in and see our latest—Westinghouse Mazda light globes.—Farmers Supply Hardware.

Expert mechanic service makes sewing machines serve you with pleasure. Phone 214, A. E. Shankle, when your sewing machine fails to give good service.

Twenty-eight new pupils entered the primary grades in the Sikeston school this week, which gives us more than 1200 pupils in the high and grade schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend of Hot Springs, Ark., attended the funeral of C. F. McMullin in Sikeston, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Townsend is an only sister of Mrs. McMullin.

From the San Bernardino, Calif., Sun, we learn that C. R. Hamilton, a former citizen of Sikeston but of late years of Colton, Calif., has been promoted to an important position with the Pacific Express Fruit plant and transferred to Mampa, Idaho.

FULTON DISMISSES HIGHWAY INJUNCTION

Jefferson City, January 5.—A stipulation dismissing the Fulton road injunction suit which has delayed completion of State Highway No. 2, the St. Louis-Kansas City road, was filed in Cole County Circuit Court late this afternoon by State Senator N. T. Cave of Fulton, representing the petitioners.

The stipulation provides for dismissal of the suit and dissolving of a temporary injunction issued August 20 last against the State Highway Commission, which has prevented the commission from entering into contracts for concrete paving of 32 miles on Highway No. 2 through Callaway and Boone counties.

The dismissal is the result of a decision of Supreme Court en banc on December 30, last, upholding the powers of the State Highway Commission to make changes in the legislative designation of routes of the primary or higher type roads of the State system, when in the interest of economy or directness of routes. The decision was handed down in a test case originating in St. Charles and Warren counties over a relocation of the route of No. 2.

In the Fulton case the petitioners protested against a change in the routing of No. 2 by the commission which would miss the towns of Calloway, Millersburg and Fulton in Calloway County. The three towns had been included in the legislative designation of the route. The route adopt-

ed by the commission will miss Fulton about six miles to the north. The ruling in the parallel case from St. Charles and Warren counties disposed of the legal points raised in the Fulton suit and made further action by the Fulton petitioners useless.

"This ends the case," Senator Cave said. "We thought we were right and filed the suit to protect what we believed were our rights. The Supreme Court decided against us. We have no desire to harass or obstruct the Highway Commission, and want to put our shoulder to the wheel for the road program."

The New Westinghouse Mazda light globes, reduced prices.—Farmers Supply Hardware.

Miss Doroth Lillard, teacher in the public school, is unable to be on duty this week because of a severe cold.

Dwight Brown and "Lefty" Stewart publishers of the Daily American at Poplar Bluff, accompanied by their wives, were in Sikeston for a short while Tuesday on their way to Cape Girardeau.

Miss Viola Jenkins, one of our telephone operators, was taken to the hospital at Cairo Tuesday afternoon for an operation. Last report is that she is doing nicely. Dr. J. H. Yount is her attending physician.

Mrs. Mary Griffith entertained with a dinner party last Friday evening in honor of her son, Joe. Covers were laid for the following out-of-town guests: Charles Clowe, Carlton Clowe, Russell Hunt, Misses Georgia Cox, Helen Lyle and Virginia Lyle of Dexter and Dorothy Biffel of Bloomfield.

MINER SWITCH NEWS ITEMS

On Wednesday night friends of Mrs. W. T. Woods gave her a surprise party at her home in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent in music and dancing by the old folks as well as the young. Wm. Widdows, Sr., and Grandma Grigsby, in their 70s, won the prize for putting on the fastest steps to the music.

Roland Malcolm was in Cairo Tuesday to meet Mrs. Malcolm, who returned that day from Illinois, where she spent the holidays.

W. L. Grigsby is on our sick list. Mr. Johnson, of the Johnson Candy Co., of Cairo, was here Tuesday with his line of candies.

Mrs. Walker Boyd and children of St. Louis is visiting Mrs. C. W. Smoot and family this week.

T. T. Lofty is moving to the Harley Smith farm this week.

Mrs. C. C. Stevens is on the sick list this week.

C. B. Watson transacted business in East Prairie Wednesday.

Ben Matthews has installed a radio in his home.

Mrs. Henry Cutlip and son of East Prairie was calling on friends here, Monday.

Mr. Phillips of Cairo transacted business here Tuesday.

Leland Catledge is on the sick list.

The Co-Workers will meet with Mrs. Norman Davis Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers.

HERE IS SENSATION-- MONTH OF JANUARY ONLY

Wanted--500 Men and Young Men to Take Advantage of the Chance to Buy a Kuppenheimer Suit of Clothes at the Unheard of Price \$38.00.
Regular \$45, \$50 and \$55 Values

All Alterations Made Free

Farmers Dry Goods and Clothing Company

A Kuppenheimer Suit for \$38

RULING AGAINST BOARD OPENING BALLOT BOXES

Jefferson City, January 4.—The Supreme Court en banc this afternoon declared unconstitutional law passed in 1921, which gave boards of election commissioners in cities of 100,000 or more population the right to open the ballot boxes and recount the ballots in an election contest.

The ruling was contained in a decision making permanent a writ of prohibition restraining the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners from proceeding with a contest of the election of George L. Goldman, Democrat, as a member of the Kansas City Council. The opinion also directed the board to issue a certificate of election to Goldman.

All the Judges of court en banc concurred in the opinion, which was handed down "per curiam", or the opinion of the entire court.

The ruling assures Democratic control of the city government of Kansas City, under the recently adopted city manager charter. In the election last November the Democrats obtained five of the nine places in the city council, thus assuring them control of the appointment of a city manager and other city officers. Republicans then instituted a contest to unseat Goldman, who was elected as a member of the council from the city at large, over L. R. Jewell (Rep.) by 304 votes.

In the contest against Goldman, the Board of Election Commissioners proposed to open the ballot boxes in only 55 precincts of the several hundred in the city.

In holding invalid the law giving such power to Election Commissioners, the court declared it conflicted with an amendment to the State Constitution adopted in 1924, when prescribed the conditions under which the ballot boxes might be opened and ballots recounted. The court held that boxes could be opened only in contested elections, grand jury investigations and in the trial of criminal or civil cases in which violations of election laws were under investigation.

The Court pointed out that any proceeding in the nature of an election contest must be heard and determined by a court or a Judge of a court. The opinion held that no such judicial powers were vested in the Board of Election Commissioners.

The Court held there could be no recount such as proposed by the Board of Election Commissioners, "and their sole power left is to cast

up the returns of the judges and clerks (of election) and certify the results."

BUYS SCENIC WONDER FOR HALF A MILLION

Lexington, Va., December 24.—The Virginia natural bridge, spanning Cedar Creek, at a point 14 miles from Lexington, one of the points of interest for visitors touring the Old Dominion, has been purchased for a consideration of \$500,000 by the Natural Bridge Company, Inc., of Virginia.

The scenic wonder was ceded to Thomas Jefferson in 1774, in a 157-acre land grant by King George III of England, and remained a part of the Jefferson estate until 1833. Since that time it has been maintained as a tourist center by private enterprises. The new owners, principally business men of Richmond, plan to improve the property, which will continue as one of the show places of Virginia.

The bridge is 90 feet long and varies in width from 50 to 150 feet. It spans Cedar Creek, at a height of 215 feet. Its base is 1500 feet above sea level. The structure is composed of horizontal strata of limestone and constitutes the remains of an underground passageway through the waterway formerly coursed. Magnesium and lithia springs and a saltwater cave, worked prior to 1912, are on the property. Lee Highway runs over the bridge.

The regular meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held at the church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. Friedman and family of East Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, of Sikeston, motored to Dexter last Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. Wagner.

The Hemphill Manufacturing Co. of Kennett, have shipped to Louisville, Ky., 24,000 blanks to be turned into baseball bats. These blanks are the length of a finished bat but are saved square at Kennett. They are of first quality ash.

Mrs. Yandle Davis died at her home in Blytheville, Ark., Thursday morning at 8:00 o'clock. She had been invalid for several months. She was a young woman and left one child besides her husband to mourn her loss. Grady Davis and Miss Nellie Rankin of Sikeston were present when she died. The body was buried at Malden, her former home.

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3. To habitually "give in" to your child is not an evidence of real mother love. More likely it is proof that you prize your own immediate comfort more than you do your child's future welfare.
4. Don't "show off" your child before company.
5. Don't determine to give your child all the luxuries and advantages you and his father may have missed in your own childhood. Make him earn some of them.
6. Don't always do for your child those things he should learn to do for himself.
7. Give him some responsibility each day and insist that he carry it out. This encourages self-reliance and fosters pride of achievement.
8. All praise and no blame makes Jack a conceited boy. Praise your child when he merits it, of course. But don't forget the beneficial effects of occasional constructive criticism, or even of punishment.
9. Be consistent in your own conduct.
10. Remember that most selfish, disagreeable, conceited and unreliable adults were once spoiled children.
11. Don't forget that what your child is, up to ten or twelve of age, usually indicates what he will continue to be all the rest of his life.—Designer Magazine.

Lynn Ballard spent the Xmas holidays in Bloomfield with his cousin, R. P. Parker.

Meteorologists have usually laughed at the idea. Not so H. Helm Clayton, of Blue Hill Observatory, Mass. According to him, climate in all localities is a state of ebb and flow, and in this country the extremes if both winter and summer are being softened down. Mr. Clayton believes that although the temperature year by year fluctuates widely from the average, there is an underlying upward trend in the northern United States and Canada, while in the south the trend is the other way. Thus the contrast between the weather of the North and South is diminishing, and the climate of the country as a whole is ameliorating.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Announcements have been received of the birth of a baby girl, Mildred Louise, on December 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Green, 624 East St., Flint, Mich. Mrs. Green will be remembered as Miss Ethel Moore.

Mrs. Willard Whitten and son of Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shilby and family of Bldgett, Mrs. J. Watson and grandsons of Sikeston, F. E. Shelby of Blytheville, Ark., Alec Whitten of Oakland City, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Burnette of Morehouse were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Whitten and family last week.

Mr. Bixler, who is suffering from blood poisoning is in a very serious condition. Drs. Presnell and Rhodes of Sikeston were called again Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill and little daughter motored to Morehouse Tuesday to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Englehardt motored to Charleston Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Lee.

A number of young people attended the dance in Canolou last week.

Lee Welman of Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday on business. S. N. Shepherd and C. L. Blanton, Jr., attended to business in Benton Tuesday afternoon.

Young Ballard returned to his studies at the State Normal, Cape Girardeau, this week.

Miss Emma Wilson, of Cape Girardeau, an aunt of Mrs. Chas. F. McMullin, is here to attend the funeral of Mr. McMullin.

W. D. Lake and daughter, Miss Florence, Mrs. D. L. Wood and Miss Nan Collar, all of Effingham, Ill., are visiting Mrs. George Dye.

The following group of the younger set enjoyed last Sunday evening at the home of More Griffith: James Howell, Franklin Moore, Lyman Fox, Jack Lancaster, David Blanton, Misses Vivian Jackson, Mary Ferrell, Evelyn Smith, Fannie Becker, Frances Fisher and Lottie Dover.

Mrs. Alma Woodside, the mother of Mrs. Jno. Enzor, was stricken with paralysis on the right side, last Sunday while alone. On the return of Rev. and Mrs. Enzor, she was found seated on the lower stair-step, where she had been for an hour or more. Mrs. Enzor reports her mother much improved at this time and we hope for her early recovery.

Slim Pickens, who has been bothered by his feet going to sleep during preaching services, has decided to try wearing a pair of right loud sox.



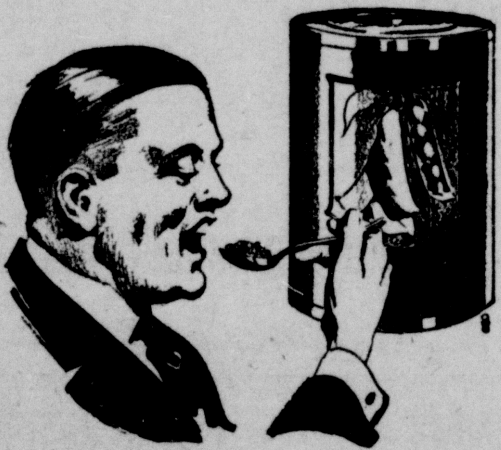
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Methodist Church.
9:30—Sunday School.
10:40—Junior Congregation.
11:00—Morning services. Subject: "Love and Its Purpose".
6:30—Intermediate and Senior Epworth Leagues.
7:30—Evening services. Subject: "The Greatness of Little Things".
You are cordially invited to these services.

REV. ENSOR, Pastor

Nazarene Church
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Preaching.
6:30—Young people's meeting.
7:30—Preaching.
The public is invited to attend all services.

J. L. COX, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church
Meets Sunday in the new building on Matthews Avenue.
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning worship.
You are invited to these services.
H. L. SAUNDERS, Pastor.

Baptist Church
9:30—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.
6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Both Senior and Intermediate Meet for Bible Study.
7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.
You are invited to all our services and cordially welcome.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor

First Christian Church
9:45—Bible School.
10:45—Morning Worship. Subject: "In Spirit and In Faith".
6:30—Christian Endeavor.
7:30—Evening Worship. Subject: "Born Again".
Mid-week worship, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.
The public invited to all services.
E. B. HENSLEY, Pastor.

The holidays are over, the new year is upon us, and much ground lies before us to be conquered. It is time for us to take off our coats, roll up our sleeves, and get down to work. "Hats off to the old year, coats off to the new," an English speaker said. About half of a busy church winter year is past, but the busiest part lies immediately ahead of us. January to April is the season the Churches accomplish the real work of the year. So let us all take our coats off, in our church tasks, and make this next quarter a period of growth and progress for the Kingdom of God in our community. Each of us can contribute. Attendance at Sunday School, church services, and the Midweek services should be increased—and this can be done if you will regularly invite someone to come with you. New members can be won to the church, and souls can be won to Christ, if you will take the trouble and thought to say the word of invitation. If knowing Christ and being a Christian means anything to you, you will be on the watch to make it as much to someone else. Let ours be an every member church this quarter at least, with every member working constantly in a constructive way.—Selected.

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INVITATIONS OUT FOR GOVERNOR'S BALL, JAN. 9

Invitations have been mailed to all military officials in the State to attend the Governor's annual reception, January 9. Plans for the reception have been completed, and from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Gov. and Mrs. Baker, their daughter and elective officials of the State will receive approximately 800 military officials. Adjutant-General Frank Rumbold, who made arrangements for the event, through the Governor has invited all military officials on duty in Missouri, including those connected with training forces at the University of Missouri, National Guard officers, and officials at various other State Military bases, to the mansion. Those officials not known to be on duty in the State also are urged to attend, Gen. Rumbold said. He estimated that 800 would be entertained in the executive mansion.

Wives and daughters, as well as friends, are understood to be included in the invitation, he said. The Governor's personal staff of 31 Colonels will attend.

Two precedents will have been established at the close of the annual colorful affair. Elective members of the Supreme Court—the Judges—have been asked by the Governor to participate in the afternoon reception, for the first time in history; and the public reception at night will be held in the capitol. The east nave, formerly the showplace of Missouri's war prizes, has been cleared of display cases and the public ball will be staged there. The rotunda also will be used for dancing. The military band will sit between the center and the east wing on the second floor.

In the gubernatorial suite between 8 and 10 o'clock Gov. Baker will meet the public in the spacious reception room. It is estimated by officials that 4000 people, including prominent personages of the State, will attend the larger gathering at night. Every person in the State is invited to the ball.

Those who will attend from Sikeston are: Major Harry E. Dudley, Capt. Rufus Reed, Capt. Tanner Dye, Capt. J. H. Yount, Lieut. Russell and Lieut. Ned Tanner.

NEWS FROM OTHERS STATES

Fargo, N. D., January 5.—Negotiations were completed yesterday for a ten-round bout between Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee, junior welterweight champion of the world, and Russie Leroy of Fargo, here January 14.

Hannibal, Mo., Jan. 5.—Issuing and signing her own marriage license was the novel experience of Miss Jessie Devereux, Deputy Circuit Clerk of Marion County, at Palmyra, who was married last night to John Glenening, also of Palmyra.

Chicago, Ill., January 2.—Cash and merchandise losses through robberies in Chicago were less by \$616,287 in 1925 than in 1924, said Police Department statisticians today.

Washington, January 2.—A sharp increase in the number of pneumonia cases in Washington is attributed to a shortage of coal.

Detroit, Mich., January 2.—To pursue the sun across the top of the world is one of the expectations of the Detroit Aviation Society's Arctic Airplane Expedition when it takes off from Point Barrow, Alaska, next March.

Tampa, Fla., January 2.—The Tampa Times today says, thirteen cases of smallpox in the city have brought from Dr. E. C. Levy, City Health Officer, a plea that everyone be vaccinated at once.

New York, January 3.—Mrs. R. L. Whitney, political of the Joint Salary Committee of Teachers' Organizations for higher pay for New York teachers yesterday, declaring teachers would be justified in going to the Legislature with their demand.

Phoenix, Ariz., January 2.—The skeleton of a second pre-historic man believed to have been a member of the race of "Canal Builders", which inhabited Arizona 2000 years ago, was unearthed here late today by a party working under the direction of the American Museum of Natural History.

The subscribers of the Tidings had a full week's rest from reading during the holiday week, and all seven of them look a lot better.

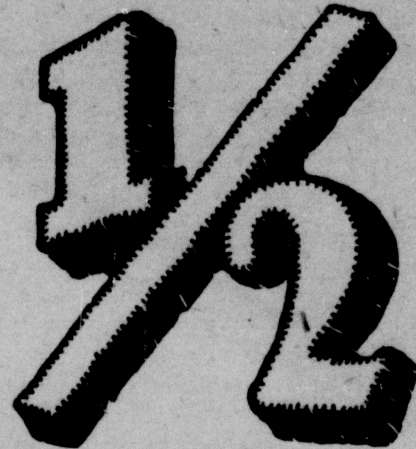
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EX-CONVICT MISSOURI BANKER GETS 7 YEARS

Capé Girardeau, January 6.—Wash Miller, former Oak Ridge banker, who has served a term in the Missouri Penitentiary for his part in the wrecking of the institution, was sentenced Tuesday to serve seven years in prison for forgery, by a jury in Circuit Court.

Miller admitted signing the name of E. J. White, former Memphis, Tenn., real estate man, to a note for \$4000 to cover a loan from the Oak Ridge Bank, now closed.

The existence of the note was discovered when bank examiners went over the accounts of the bank and ordered it closed and White denied he had signed the note or had authorized Miller to attach his name. Since this incident, White has moved to Chicago, where he is a real estate operator.

Miller, who has a family, is a native of this county and previous to the wrecking of the Oak Ridge Bank at the time he was cashier, held a position of affluence and was widely popular.

According to British scientists, women are better at detail than men.

NOTICE

Will those who took Christmas seals to sell, return those left or money for same.

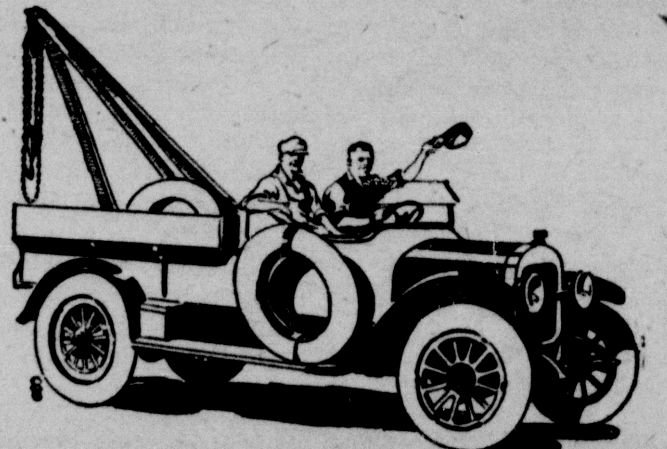
MRS. KATE GREER.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Simpson, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 1st day of February, A. D., 1926.

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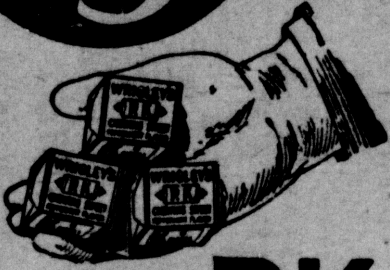
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1000 GIANT GAR FISH TAKEN OUT OF STREAMS

Jefferson City, January 4.—More than 1000 giant gar fish, weighing up to thirty pounds each, have recently been taken from streams and lakes in Missouri in the initial move instituted by state game and fish department for eradication of the preying monsters.

"The gar has long been known as one of the most destructive agents of game fish and its rapid increase in some waters of the state has been directly responsible for the depletion of game fish," said Keith McCansa, game and fish commissioner.

The first attempt to rid the waters of these undesirable was made in Mississippi county where huge gar, some of them four feet and more in length, have been taken from Brewer's Lake.

Gar are valueless as food fish and yet a single gar will annually consume many times its own weight of other and more desirable species, said McCansa. He has asked that sportsmen co-operate with the department in the eradication work to make better fishing in Missouri. The department purposes to extend the work beginning immediately, as the gar frequently gather in deep pools by thousands in winter months, and at this time they can be most easily destroyed.

Sportsmen are requested to notify the state game and fish department here, if they find that there are schools of gar in streams in their vicinity that might be destroyed.

EUROPE'S ARMIES LESS THAN IN 1913

Geneva, December 22.—Europe already has begun to disarm. Reliable figures which the correspondent compiled here with technical aid prove this fact conclusively.

The oft-repeated statement that more men are under arms now than before the war is branded as false. There are actually one million and a half fewer soldiers in Europe today than there were in 1913.

As the result of the spirit of Locarno and the development of the League of Nations, additional reductions are expected in the near future, particularly in France, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries. Probably before the proposed disarmament conference convenes, Europe will have emptied many barracks.

The figures show that the world's military power still is concentrated in Europe, but whereas 80 per cent of the world's soldiers before the war were European, now only 70 per cent of them are European.

European armies have diminished but South American and African armies have increased as have the colonial forces of European powers. The chief reductions since the war have been in Germany and Russia. France, Italy, Japan and others have effected substantial reductions. The only two great powers which actually have increased their standing armies are Great Britain and the United States.

The improved relations with Germany have occasioned the recent reductions in the Belgian, Czech and Dutch armies, and even the French home army. If Soviet Russia should come to terms with the rest of Europe, it is confidently foreseen that similar reductions in Eastern European armies would follow, thus supporting the thesis of those who assert that armaments are the result rather than the cause of troublous political situations.

The proportion of various armies to the total military strength of Europe today is as follows: France, 24 per cent; Russia, 31 per cent; Great Britain, 16 per cent; Poland, 9 per cent; Italy, 8 per cent; Japan, 8 per cent and Spain, 7 per cent. Spain's abnormally large army doubtless is due to the prolonged Moroccan War.

For the purpose of comparing the total war strength of the various powers, it should be recalled that naval armament under the Washington treaties was established thus: Great Britain, the United States Japan, Italy and France in the ratio of 5, 5, 3, 1.75 and 1.75. The pre-war ranking of military powers was as follows: Russia, 28 per cent; France, 20 per cent; Germany, 19 per cent; Austria-Hungary, 10 per cent; Great Britain, 10 per cent; Italy, 6 per cent, and Japan, 6 per cent.

The new figures which the writer employs were derived partly from the armament handbooks of the League

of Nations, and partly from other accurate sources. They are said by experts to be the most reliable ever compiled.

One difficulty of attempting to compare armies is to find a sound basis of comparison. The writer has chosen as the best rough measure the number of soldiers and non-coms actually bearing arms in a given year, excluding officers, militia and reserves.

MISSOURI TOWNS HAVE VERY BEST OF WATER

Jefferson City, January 5.—Installation of water supply and sewage disposal plants in small cities and towns of Missouri has been "a remarkable feature of the state's development during the period from 1922 to the end of 1925".

This is shown in a special article on utilities in the state in the 1925-26 Missouri Manual, or Blue Book, published through Secretary of State Charles U. Becker, and just being issued. The article was prepared by J. B. Sheridan, manager, Missouri Committee on Public Utility Information, St. Louis.

Missouri had, in 1924, (the latest data available) 125 municipally owned water supply plants, the article relates.

"Missouri is fortunate in having its streams and subterranean structures a supply of water not equaled in any other American state, except, possibly Arkansas", it is pointed out by the article.

The Missouri water companies cannot trust to nature, however, for the nature of the water they distribute, the article continues, no matter how pure the source of supply may be. Their chemists test it twice, or often, each day, for impurities. Purifying agents, such as lime, sulphate of alumina, chlorine, etc., are supplied in carefully gauged quantities to destroy any bacilli found in the water, and to clarify it of foreign substances. The reservoirs are cleaned at frequent intervals.

"Of all services, that of water supply is probably the most vitally important," according to the article. "That people should be supplied with impure water to drink is unthinkable. More diseases are spread by impure water than by almost any other agent."

Drinking water is furnished in Missouri cities and towns "cheaper than dirt", according to claims of the companies, the article reveals.

R. Q. Jennings, operator at the local office of the Frisco, is again on the job permanently, having received word to this effect from headquarters Monday. Mr. Jennings had the place here but changed jobs, going to the general office at Memphis, but preferred Kennett and wanted to come back here. R. Q. is popular among the traveling public here and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is again on the job permanently.—Kennett News.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

1925 Membership Shows Big Increase
The memberships in the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association has increased greatly in past year. Every day during the harvesting season, the Association office at New Madrid has received new membership application either by mail or by the applicant in person. The membership books show over a 20 per cent increase.

For the first time, new members have been received in Howell and Ozark Counties. The Association has been receiving fine co-operation from the Farmers Exchange at West Plains. They report that the cotton growers are enthusiastic about the Association, and they expect all the cotton grown there next year to be marketed through the Association.

The members in Missouri received a distribution on all cotton classed to December 1, 1925. The distribution amounted to \$24,310.10 Missouri members. No distribution was made on unclassified cotton.

Ass'n. Members Should Improve Cotton

The members of Missouri Cotton Growers' Association and other cotton growers who market their cotton according to grade and staple, should consult their County Extension Agents in regard to the improvement of their cotton both variety and care in picking and ginning. The Association officials are in position to see this need, and the American Cotton Growers' Exchange has recently received a letter, The International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners & Manufacturers' Association, which shows need for improvement. The letter is as follows:

"At a meeting of the International Committee held in Milan on the 28th of October, 1925, at which the leading representatives of the cotton industry in twenty-one countries were present, the opinion was unanimously expressed that the cotton which is being received from the U. S. A. Cotton Belt is no longer as strong and even in length as used to be the case, say ten years ago, and it was thought that this falling-off in strength and uniformity was largely due to the expansion of short staple cotton varieties.

"It may be that the introduction of the Half-and-Half variety is the cause, as no doubt exists that the ginning factories are mixing the seeds of different varieties, with the result that many of the farmers are growing mixed varieties.

"It would appear to our Committee that the community growing of one variety of cotton in each district is the best solution of the present evil and we would appreciate it if your Association would exert its influence in that direction. Such steps would also materially benefit the individual farmer.—F. Holroyd, President."

Sile Kildew says the old-fashioned fellow that used to spoil his Christmas enjoyment by becoming unconscious on egg-nog, now sits around and tells what a big time he used to have.

Jefferson Potlocks says the young generation seems bright in getting on to things at an early date. What makes him think so is that his youngest boy has already abandoned his spoon for a knife at the eating table.

Washington Hocks says before the architects got to taking such a big hand in house-building, all a person who wanted to build a home had to do was to drive by the sawmill and show the man and the carpenter how big his family was.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

W. C. Calvert to W. C. Calvert and Louise L. Calvert, mother: Lot 28, range A, Libbourn. \$1.00.

Leonard Sheehan and Pearl Sheehan, his wife, to J. W. Berry and J. D. Berry: Lot 6, block 1 Clayton's Add., Gideon. \$550.

Allen Edwards to Oscar Fuller: E½ lot 2 and all lots 3 and 4 except that part cut off South end lots 3 and 4, St. L. and San Francisco R. R., in blk. 7, Portageville. \$500.

Walter Upton and Nellie Upton, wife, to Rosanna E. Harward: Lots 1-3, block 61, Morehouse. \$200.

Mrs. Nellie Bird Houser and Olive M. Houser, husband to Geo. F. Van Arsdale: S½ sec. 7-8-9, twp. 25, R. 14, containing 60.44 acres. \$5000. See book 83, page 399.

Donal Kiser and Edna Kiser, wife to Edna Kiser: A tract of land beginning at a point in the center of ditch No. 7 and on the north line of sec. 27-22-11, containing 100 acres. See book 83, page 400. \$100, love and affection.

Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co. to Thos. E. Riggs: Lots 3 and 9, block 5 H-H Lbr. Co., 2nd Add., Risco. \$110.

T. L. Huffman and Isakell Huffman, wife to Frank Hallam and wife: Lot 2, blk. 5, Gideon. \$200.

Marriage License

Guy Harrison and Allie Alberry, Sikeston.

Rufus Johnson and Selta Potts, Morehouse.

Everett Collins, Wyatt and Einnie Summers, Charleston.

Fred Baker and Goldie Summers, East Prairie.

Edgar Wilson and Violet Carmody, Sikeston.

Tom Cagle and Vera Moore, Ke-wanee.

Bethel McGinnis and Sylva Hopkins, Risco.

Jim Edwards and Celia Howard, Matthews.

Orlan Gee and Grace Reames, Tal-lapoosa.

Lem Robinson, Cairo and Della Tyson, Portageville.

Homer Green and Eva Tucker, New Madrid.

Le Roy Woosley and Miggonette Bratcher, Catron.

London is to have a Turkish bath exclusively for women, the first in the history of the city.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Executor of the estate of Sarah E. Shelby, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such execution at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 11th day of January, A. D., 1926.

FRANK A. DENTON, Executor.

Notice of Administration

Notice is hereby given, That Let-ters of Administration on the estate of Jennie E. Green, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of December, 1925, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

James S. Green and Mrs. Katie L. Cook, Administrators.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM NEW MADRID

Mrs. James A. Finch entertained with an elegant six o'clock dinner on Thursday evening of last week, complimentary to her son, James Austin, and his guests. The home was prettily adorned with the Christmas decorations, which were carried out in the menu. Covers were laid for Chester Brown, Ben Miller, Jr., Norwine Houser, Bud Bauerle and Walker Reeves of Cape Girardeau; Philip Leslie of Morley, Herman Crisler and Elton Richards, Misses Florence Crisler, Nan Riley, Eddy Lou, Dixie and Sybil Massengill, Alice Berryman, Selma Sharp, Catherine Finch and Sue Shelby. The evening was spent in games and dancing.

Friday evening Miss Eddy Lou entertained the house guests of Jas. Finch and a number of girl friends with a line party at the Dixie Theatre, after which they enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Miss Lou on Water Street, dancing and playing games, with delightful refreshments being served.

Atty. and Mrs. Jas. Finch accompanied their son and Walker Reeves to Cape Girardeau, where they are attending Teachers' College.

Mrs. Fannie R. Fine left Wednesday for Moerscroft, Wyo., for an extended visit with her sister-in-law, Miss Martha Fine.

Mrs. Maggie Totty of Sikeston was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Parks, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reeves of Cape Girardeau were guests of Mesdames Jessie Broughton and W. L. Meier last week.

Mitchell Meate, L. Segal, M. Bar-kovits, Henry Sutherland and Judge W. W. Largent were among the many from Portageville attending county court in New Madrid, Monday.

Howard Phillips, son of Mrs. Eddy Phillips, left Monday night for St. Marys, to attend school.

Misses Lady Lewis and Harriett Hunter left Tuesday night to resume their studies at Visitation Convent, St. Louis.

Dr. Deane and Miss Geraldine De Lisle of Portageville were visitors in our city Saturday night.

Mrs. Birdie Ransburgh, Mrs. Belle

Bloomfield and Miss Hazel Ransburgh went to St. Louis Sunday night to attend the "Miracle". Miss Ransburgh continued her trip to Fort Madison, Ia., where she is teaching school.

Mrs. B. M. Jones will teacher the fourth grade at the public school, filling the vacancy of Miss Kathryn Havalin.

Murray Phillips returned Sunday from a business trip to St. Louis.

W. V. Appuhn of Quincy, Ill., arrived Sunday to join his wife, who is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Birdie Ransburgh of this city.

Misses Nan Riley and Florence Crisler left Sunday for Columbia, where they are attending Christian College.

Miss Eddy Lou left Sunday for St. Charles, where she is attending Lindenwood College.

County Farm Superintendent Harold Dalby attended County Court in New Madrid Monday and stated that there were nine inmates at the farm, six women and three men.

J. H. Holtermann, real estate dealer of Libbourn, was a business visitor here, Monday.

Chester Brown, Ben Miller, Jr., Norwine Houser, Bud Bauerle and Walker Reeves of Cape Girardeau were guests of James Austin Finch the latter part of last week.

G. F. Deane of Matthews was a business visitor in New Madrid Wednesday.

Misses Lucille and Virginia Francis, who have been spending the holidays in Jersey City, New Jersey, attended the Inter-Collegiate Prom Ball in New York City this week, given by the Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Cornell students.

Miss Evelyn Hunter will leave on Sunday to resume her studies at Bushe's Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

Mrs. Virginia McCutchen and M. and Mrs. A. C. Ferry of Fornelt, are guests this week of the Commercial Hotel. Mrs. McCutchen and Mrs. Cerry are mother and sister of Mrs. Lacy.

Lynn Lacy of St. Louis spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lacy of the Commercial Hotel.

L. Shainberg and daughters, Mrs. G. Mann, left Monday for a sojourn at Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Becker and family of Sikeston and their two visitors, Miss Sarah Levine of New York and Wm. Borowsky of Manila, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Max Feinstein and family of Portageville spent Sunday at the home of L. Shainberg on Scott Street.

Lee Hunter, of St. Louis, is looking after business matters in New Madrid this week.

T. B. Allen of Sikeston and J. H. Allen of St. Joe are looking after farming interests in New Madrid County this week.

One Hundred Twenty Years Ago

The 11th day of January, 1805, the following deed of bargain and sale to be recorded and the same day recorded:

Eli Pettibone of the district of New Madrid in Louisiana of the one part and David D. Wentzell of the same place: A certain tract or piece of land, lying and being situated in the district of New Madrid, aforesaid and on bayou St. John, consisting of 200 acres, adjoining a tract of land granted to Thos. Powers and which said 200 acres were granted to said Pettibone by his most Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain, or by his Commissioned Commandant, Don Henry Peyrou, the grant bearing the date the 6th of March, 1802.

Full consideration of the above being \$100, current money.

January 17, 1805, Benajah Demint of District of New Madrid in Louisiana, one part and Samuel Hanna of the same place: A certain tract or piece of land consisting of one hundred arpens or Spanish acres, being part of a tract of land on which said Benajah Demint now lives, granted him by Most Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain or his Commandant at the port of New Madrid in Louisiana in 1797, which tract lies in the District of New Madrid, aforesaid on the Deyrun bounded on the side by land granted to John E. Hart, on the Northwest and land granted Isaac Thompson on the Southeast, and at the ends by the King's road deyrun aforesaid, and which one hundred acres aforesaid bargain, sold and achieved as aforesaid by said Benajah Demint to said Samuel Hanna are bounded by said King's road on one side—opposite to land I Faris and by straight lines perpendicular thereto from each and thereof back into said tract so far as to include one hundred arpens or Spanish acres. Two hundred dollars current money.

23d day of January, 1805, following writing in the nature of conveyance presented to be recorded and the same day recorded: New Madrid, April 6, 1804, Elisha Jackson of District of above mentioned to Robert Masters of the same District to me in property consisting of one mare, one colt and electrifying masheen; grant, bargain and sell to said Robert Masters 1 tract of land containing 200 acres, same situate at the east end of Big Prairie fronting King's road adjoining a tract now belonging to Joseph Vandin. \$100.

30th day of March, 1805 following writing in the nature of a deed of gift: Presented to be recorded and same day recorded: Hime Alcosere, soldier in the Spanish service, do hereby empower Jacob Myers of the town and district of New Madrid and territory of Louisiana to take charge of my house and lot in this town, which I now possess until I return, and should I never return, I give the aforesaid lot and improvements to Jacob Myers said lot, on one side adjoining the lot of Joseph Charpanier and on the other side, a lot belonging to United States, occupied by American troops.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Contrary to popular belief, most common snakes are neither obnoxious or poisonous, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. The prevalent fear of snakes is due largely to the fear of such venomous species as the cotton-mouth moccasin, the copperhead and the rattlesnake. Although these poisonous snakes have no place in a settled country, and efforts should be made to eradicate them, yet most common snakes are beneficial in their food habits and should be protected. Wherever snakes are present, in abnormally large numbers there must be an abundance of living animal food in the vicinity to attract them. This food consists largely of injurious rodents and insects, pests of garden crops and stored foodstuffs. Snakes eat such small living creatures as earthworms, spiders, grasshoppers, salamanders, small frogs, mice, rats, chipmunks and young rabbits. King snakes are able to kill rattlesnakes, and have been known to eat them. The little red-bellied snake subsists to a large extent on slugs, which are very destructive to garden crops.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Damaged Cotton Seed Valuable Fertilizer

Some Southeast Missouri farmers are reporting prices of only \$5 per ton offered for the seed from the late picked or snapped cotton. "Any damaged seed are worth more than \$5 per ton as fertilizer" according to Ide P. Trotter, Extension Cotton Specialist of the Missouri College of Agriculture. "Average damaged seed it worth from \$10 to \$15 per ton for fertilizer, especially in those sections which produce small plants for lack of humus and available plant food in the soil.

"Many thousands of bales of cotton remain to be ginned in Southeast Missouri. The hundreds of tons of seed from these will be absolutely ruined for planting seed and they will have practically no value for oil mill crushing. "The wise farmer, says Trotter, "will take advantage of this situation to put some valuable plant food in the form of damaged cotton seed back on his poorest acres rather than sacrifice them at less than their fertilizing value".

He added that with each 500 pounds of seed an application of 100 to 150 pounds of acid phosphate should be made to balance the fertilizer. The seed should also be put out as early as possible and worked into the soil to hasten decay. The plant roots can't use them till they rot.

Lots of cotton hulls and some of these damaged cotton seed spread on the thin parts of the farm where cotton rusted badly last year will help greatly in building the soil up to produce crops more cheaply for the next few years.

Hulls and seed will help you succeed.

Time to Start

1925 is now past and 1926 is here. It is time for every farmer who wants to be business-like and know what is costing him money and what is bringing him profits to begin to get ready for keeping simple accounts. Very few farmers realize that the cotton crop last year not only was one of the best that could be expected, but was also one of the cheapest made—and only the man who has kept a few simple accounts can tell just how cheaply it was made. Had the season been such that much chopping had to be done and labor had to be hired, the country would have been in a much worse shape than it is now. Every farmer should know all through the year just what he is spending on each crop, and although he cannot tell what price he will get for it, he can at least figure on a minimum price and make his expenses below that. Of course, if he has no way of telling what he is spending, then it is almost impossible for him to cut down the expense since he does not know where to begin cutting—or in nine cases out of ten how.

It is very important for every farmer to realize that farming is a business, and I defy any man to show me a successful business man who does not keep books, therefore, if you are going to be successful in farming, you cannot be hap-hazard or slipshod in your methods, and you must know what your expenses are on every crop. D. C. Wood, of the Farm Management Department, University of Missouri, is willing to help any farmer in keeping simple records. The County Agent is also willing to help and anyone desiring assistance or a simple record blank need only send a card or letter to the County Agent.

C. D. Matthews, Jr., left for Alton, Sunday night, where he will resume his studies at Western Military Academy.

Mrs. Randall Wilson, who was to have entertained the young married people's bridge club on Wednesday evening, recalled her invitations because of the deaths of near friends in our city.

Mrs. Harry Dudley will accompany Major Dudley as far as St. Louis, where she will visit a few days. Major Dudley will attend the Governor's reception in Jefferson City, Saturday, January 9.

Mrs. C. L. Blanton postponed her bridge party to have been given in honor of Mrs. Wm. E. Payne of Bais-ton, Va., and Miss Blanton of Paris, Mo., to sympathize with those who are in sorrow.

We are glad to receive communication from Mrs. Frank Heisler, that regardless of the fact Mr. Heisler was even worse than Dr. Porterfield expected to find him and was on the operating table two hours and forty-five minutes, is doing nicely and it is hoped and expected he will be home in a few weeks.

CHARTER NO. 206
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the SIKESTON TRUST COMPANY at Sikeston, State of Missouri, at close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in The Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 8th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS
Loans and discounts on personal and collateral security \$148,651.62
Loans on real estate security 36,102.67
Total loans \$184,754.29
Banking house None, furniture and fixtures \$2,075.00 2,075.00
Real estate owned, other than banking house 39,601.84
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS AND BANKERS
Cash on hand (Currency, gold, silver and other coin) \$ 9,582.28
Due from other banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check \$100,208.34
Checks on other banks in same City or Town 6,171.52

Total cash and due from banks and bankers \$115,962.14
Total \$342,393.27

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund 20,000.00
Undivided profits \$15,878.16
Less current expenses and taxes paid 5,532.65
Cashier's checks outstanding 1,276.93
DEMAND DEPOSITS
Individual deposits subject to check \$219,602.90
State, County or municipal deposits (secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond) 4,764.48
Due to banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check 916.88

Total demand deposits \$225,284.26

TIME DEPOSITS

Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed) \$25,340.01
Savings deposits requiring withdrawal notice of 30 days or more 14,959.42

Total time deposits 40,299.43

Total \$342,393.27

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF SCOTT, SS:
We, G. B. Greer as president, and L. M. Stallcup as secretary of said Trust Company, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. B. GREER, President.
L. M. STALLCUP, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of January A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-six.
WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring August 29, 1928.)
C. C. Scott, Notary Public.

JAS. M. KLEIN
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Directors

CHARTER NO. 1670
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the PEOPLES BANK OF SIKESTON, at Sikeston, State of Missouri, at close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in The Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 8th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS
Loans and discounts on personal and collateral security \$159,825.35
Loans on real estate security 16,667.12
Total loans \$176,492.47
OVERDRAFTS, unsecured \$19.77 19.77
Banking house \$19,093.93, furniture and fixtures \$635.75 19,729.68
Real estate owned, other than banking house 22,596.01
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS AND BANKERS
Cash on hand, (Currency, gold, silver, and other coin) \$13,613.70
Due from other banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check 94,878.36
Checks on other banks in same City or Town 3,222.31

Total cash and due from banks and bankers 111,714.37

Total \$330,552.30

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund 30,177.03
Undivided profits \$23,786.77
Less current expenses and taxes paid 22,225.66
1,561.11

DEMAND DEPOSITS
Individual deposits subject to check \$210,391.94

Total demand deposits 210,391.94

TIME DEPOSITS

Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed) \$27,804.77
Savings deposits requiring withdrawal notice of 30 days or more 10,617.45

Total time deposits \$ 38,422.22

Total \$330,552.30

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF SCOTT, SS:

We, F. M. Sikes, as president, and R. F. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. M. SIKES, President
R. F. ANDERSON, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of January A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 10, 1927.)

W. P. Wilkerson, Notary Public.

A. C. SIKES
C. S. TANNER
J. F. COX

Directors

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE

BANK OF SIKESTON SIKESTON, MO.

at the close of business December 31, 1925

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 457,321.14	Capital	\$ 100,000.00
U. S. Gov't. and Other		Surplus and Profits	100,026.66
Bonds	274,903.81	Cashier's Checks	24,844.71
Furniture and Fixtures	1,430.86	Deposits	1,051,293.06
Cash and Sight Exchange	542,508.62		
	\$1,276,164.43		\$1,276,164.43

The above statement is correct.

JOS. L. MATTHEWS, Cashier.

MISSOURI LANDOWNER SUCCUMBS TO WOUNDS

Cairo, Ill., January 6.—The body of Charles McMullin, age 60, owner of more than 6000 acres of land in Southeast Missouri, who died at St. Mary's Hospital Tuesday night, from gunshot wounds inflicted on New Year at La Valle, Mo., by Frank Riley, a tenant and said by officials to be a bootlegger and moonshiner, was taken to his home at Sikeston, Mo., today following the inquest conducted by Coroner O. M. Dickerson.

Riley fired a charge from a shotgun into McMullin's side at close range "without the slightest provocation," according to the testimony of Robert Minner, land foreman for McMullin, and fired a second load, the shot striking the land owner in the head, after he had begged Riley not to kill him.

Riley had gone for his gun when McMullin had suggested that some hogs he had put on the place for Riley to feed, be sold. "I guess you had better leave the hogs here," Riley is reported to have said before he shouted to McMullin and Minner to hold up their hands and immediately fired at McMullin.

After being fatally wounded, McMullin drew a revolver and returned the moonshiners' fire, but succeeded only in inflicting two flesh wounds.

The hogs had been bought and placed in Riley's care. He was to feed them on corn he had grown on McMullin's place and the difference in the original cost of the hogs and their eventual selling price was to be applied as rent by Riley for the land rented from McMullin. But the tenant had failed to feed, water or otherwise care for the hogs, and had threatened to kill persons sent there to tend them, according to Minner's testimony. He suspected that these persons stopping to feed the hogs were sent to spy on his moonshining operation, Minner said.

Prior to the fatal shooting, Riley had just paid a fine of \$600 in the courts of Stoddard County on conviction of liquor charges. He has been fined no less than half dozen times in connection with the illegal sale and manufacture of liquor, according to report.

The formal verdict of the coroner's jury here was to the effect that McMullin died from gunshot wounds inflicted by Frank Riley.

The above tells the story of the passing of Chas. F. McMullin at Cairo, Ill. He was one of a large family of children who were born at the McMullin homestead a few miles north of Sikeston and the last of the male members of the family. Five sisters survive: Mrs. Jane Mills, Mrs. Mollie Marshall, Mrs. Bettie Matthews and Mrs. James Klein of Sikeston, and Mrs. J. J. Hunter of Cape Girardeau.

Mr. McMullin was 60 years of age the past August and has lived in Scott County all his life. Twenty years ago he was married to Miss Mattie Warren of Cape Girardeau, who survives, and their married life has been one of quiet happiness from start to finish. They were sweethearts to the end. The last words that he uttered was to tell his wife how happy he had been with her.

In manner, C. F. McMullin was modest and retiring, but when he was called on to lend a helping hand for the better things for his town and community, he spared neither time or money to put them over. He was considered a power in developing Southeast Missouri and to his wonderful foresight and management he accomplished much and accumulated considerable land holdings. The thirteen years that the writer has known him, we have considered him honest, upright and his word as good as his bond. He was firm when he believed he was right, but gave careful consideration before making his decision. He was respected by friends and foe alike, for he was square and out in the open. He will be missed in the affairs of this community and the sad part is that he was killed by a man whom he furnished bread and butter and a roof over his head.

The funeral services were held at the family residence Thursday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Britte officiating, to which a large concourse of friends and relatives attended. The sympathy of this entire community is with the bereaved in their sorrow.

There is always two sides to every question and information being sent out from Stoddard County is to the effect that Riley has two witnesses who claim to have seen the shooting start within a barn, and who claim

McMullin started firing as soon as he saw Riley. Mr. McMullin and his foreman claim Riley started the shooting. We people in Mr. McMullin's home town will never believe he would say that Riley shot first unless it was so. Riley is a law breaker and has been fined for making moonshine whisky besides having had other charges made against him. He may prove his contention by ten witnesses instead of two, but that will not make it so. Charles McMullin is dead and buried, but his word in the past will suffice for the future and God Almighty will be the final judge.

Up to 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning Riley had not been taken into custody though an information by an eyewitness who was present at the time, was sworn out the morning of the shooting, and another information filed by Prosecuting Attorney Powell charging first degree murder, was issued after the death of Mr. McMullin. The sheriff of Stoddard County has not acted on either. People in this community are highly incensed at the actions of the sheriff of Stoddard County in not taking Riley into custody before this. If Riley is guiltless of starting the trouble, he ought to be anxious for a preliminary hearing to justify him in the shooting. There is a mess of ugly rumors going the rounds and a prompt arrest and prompt hearing will do much to clear the atmosphere.

GOOD MOTHER GOES TO HER REWARD

Mrs. Anna Elizabeth Marshall died at her home in this city Wednesday morning, in her 76th year of age. She had not been well for many months, but her condition did not become serious until of late and for the past week her passing was expected at any time.

She was born near Benton in Scott County, April 11, 1849, and lived in this county all her life, the last 20 years were spent in Sikeston. She was twice married, the first time to John Austin, to which union two children were born, Mrs. Florence Marshall and Miss Kate Austin, both of Sikeston. Her second marriage was to Samuel Marshall and to this union four children were born, one of whom, George W., died several years ago; Joseph C., of Detroit, Mich., Cyrus of Crowder and Reese of Cape Girardeau, survive her. In addition to her own children, she left three stepchildren, James Marshall of Sikeston, Sterling of Dudley, and Isaac of Blodgett, who she loved as her own.

Mrs. Marshall had been a member of the Methodist Church for many years and lived and died a Christian woman. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, after which her mortal remains will be laid to rest in the Sikeston Mausoleum to await the day of judgment.

Mrs. Marshall was a splendid woman, a good neighbor, a loving mother, and her passing will be keenly felt by those who were near and dear to her. She was a lovable character of sweet disposition, patient and sympathetic with her children, her stepchildren and her grandchildren. These are the things that made her passing more sorrowful to those left behind.

There is much consolation in the life and death of this good woman for the life she lived was a shining example to those who yet live.

To the bereaved The Standard joins their many friends in condolences.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hayden are entertaining their daughter, Mrs. Manning Greer of Cape Girardeau.

Pave King, Division Construction Engineer of State Highway Depart., Division No. 10, returned Tuesday morning from a three-weeks' visit in Reading, Penn., his former home. Mrs. King, who has been in Reading some time for her health returned with him. The trip, something over 1100 miles, was made in Mr. King's Hudson coach, in thirty hours time.

Senator Reed thinks Congress ought to repeal the conspiracy act, and we can tell him how public sentiment may be aroused against it. If someone in the Department of Justice will pick out a big corporation and indict all the officers, attorneys, directors, etc., for conspiracy against the Government in making the corporation's income tax return, railroad the whole outfit to prison on a special train and make an example of them for the benefit of all revenue payers, every corporation in the country will start for Washington overnight to get the conspiracy act repealed.—Clark McAdams in Post-Dispatch.

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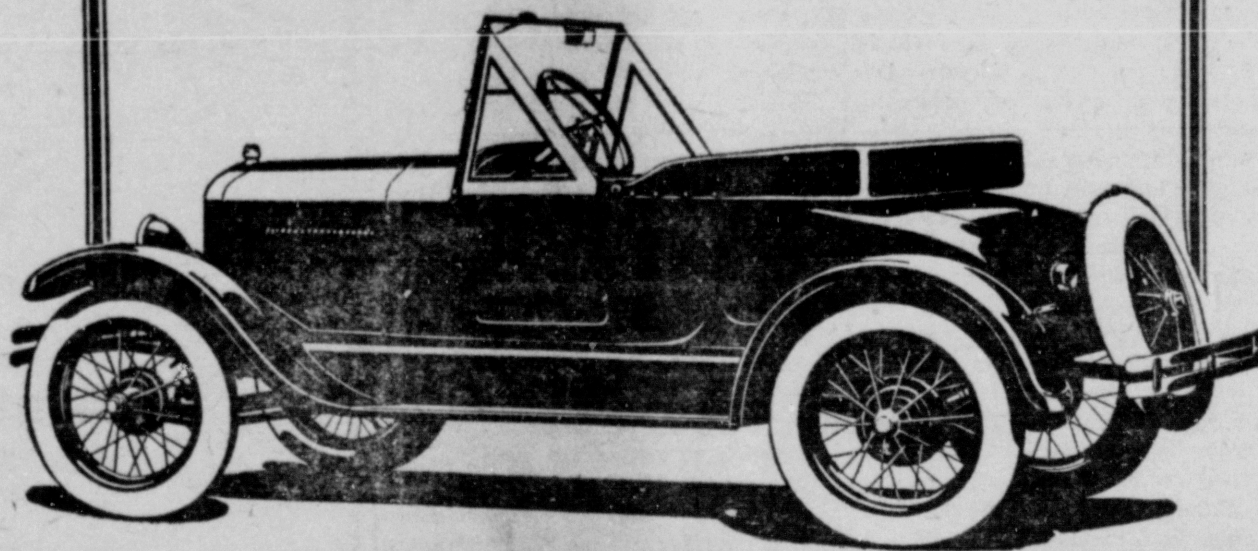
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The Show will begin Saturday morning January 9, and will last until Saturday night, January 16. Be sure to see it!

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BULLET WOUND PROVES FATAL TO YOUNG MAN

Weldon Lee, prominent young business man of Morley, died in a Cape Girardeau hospital at 10:30 o'clock Monday night from a bullet wound accidentally inflicted earlier in the day while he was working with an automatic revolver at his business establishment there.

An internal hemorrhage resulting from the bullet severing major arteries in his body is thought to have caused his death. The bullet, entering his body on the left side a short distance below the heart, emerged at the back.

The remains were taken to Morley early today where funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Services will be at the Baptist Church there with Rev. W. Patterson in charge. Interment will be in the Morley cemetery.

Admired by hundreds of friends, Lee was one of the more popular young men of the Scott county town, and was recognized as a substantial citizen. He was part owner of the mercantile company with his father and brother, and also had considerable other property. He attended grade and high school in Morley, where he was prominent in athletics, and was a student in the Teachers College here two years ago.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lee; three sisters, Mrs. C. D. Cummins, Miss Helen and Mrs. Harris Foster; three brothers, Herbert, Martin and Jack Lee, all of whom reside at Morley. Miss Opal Lovelace of Poplar Bluff, a teacher in the Morley school, to whom he was to have been married in the summer, accompanied him to the hospital and was with him when he passed away.

The young business man had gone to the Morley Mercantile store in Morley, which was operated and owned by himself and his father, J. R. Lee, early Monday morning to open the place for business. After getting the place of business ready for customers, he had taken the revolver, a 32-calibre automatic, from a desk drawer and was trying to take a cartridge from the weapon.

Weldon told his brothers after the accident, that he was holding the muzzle of the gun toward himself and was prying on the load when it was accidentally fired. The bullet, steel-jacketed, passed through his body just below his heart.

C. D. Cummins and his wife, a sister to Weldon, were first to learn of the accident, they calling physicians

at once and summoning an ambulance from Cape Girardeau. When first treated at the hospital here it was hoped that the young man might recover, but the wound proved fatal, death coming at 10:30 last night.

Young Lee leaves a host of friends in the vicinity of Morley, where he had resided practically all of his life and had been in business about two years, and a number in Cape Girardeau, where he attended Teachers' College a short time two years ago.—Cape Missourian.

BUEL CROSBY BRINGS HOME A BRIDE FROM CANEY, KAS.

Miss Hollie Wise and Buel Crosby, a prominent young business man of Cheptopa, were married Tuesday at 1:30 o'clock at the home of Mr. Crosby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crosby, at Caney, Kansas. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Clark, pastor of the Caney Presbyterian church. They returned to Cheptopa yesterday, and will make their home with St. Elmo Porter until the return of Mrs. Porter, who is now in California. Mrs. Porter is an aunt of Mr. Crosby.

The bride is a Missouri girl, but for some time has been located at Caney as manager of the Western Union telegraph office. She is an accomplished young lady, having attended the Missouri teachers college at Cape Girardeau and being a graduate of the Chillicothe Business College. Mr. Crosby is one of the promising young business men of Cheptopa, being associated with St. Elmo Porter in the latter's hardware and implement store, being manager of the recently established and rapidly growing radio department. The Advance joins the many friends of these happy young people in best wishes.—Cheptopa, (Kas.) Advance.

Mrs. Crosby was formerly of this city and with the Western Union office of this city and has many friends in this city who wish her happiness. She is a sister of Mrs. H. L. Hetlage of Kewanee.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends, who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother, Mrs. Fred Hill. Also for the beautiful floral offering.

Fred Hill and Daughters.

Bonnie Keith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith, has gone to Chillicothe, where she enrolled Saturday at the Chillicothe Business College for the Stenographic Course.

FADS AND FANCIES IN SIKESTON STORES

Lovely silk umbrellas with amber tips and beautiful handles in all colors at the Sikeston Mercantile Store.

Pretty crepe de chine frock in the new lipstick red, trimmed in gold cloth at Pinnel's Store.

Classy ladies' pumps in a patent leather or tan kid with cuban heel at Sarsars.

Nice little three-piece chinchilla suits in tan, red or brown for children at Harry Lampert's.

A most unique watch in a sterling silver case, which can be worn on a cord around a ladies' neck, on a man's watch chain, or be opened and placed on a dressing table as a clock at Yanson, the Jeweler.

Some new Royal Society packages containing dainty voile dresses at Miss Daisy Garden's Millinery.

Westcott hosiery in pretty spring colors at the People's Store.

A bed spread set in imported white lace at Mrs. A. E. Shankle's Shop.

Novelty black satin pumps at Kugman Store Co.

Nice Durlin felt base rugs in conservative colors at Hughes & McElroy.

Up-to-date Cranes Carrille stationery in linen in beautiful designs.—White's Drug Co.

Real white English imported broad-cloth shirts at Citizens Store Co.

Some good looking springs hats at the De Cant Shop.

Masonic bill folds of genuine Meeker make of genuine steer hide hand modded and hand-laced at Johnson & Johnson.

Good looking dark blue corduroy sheep-skin coat at Buckner-Ragsdale Store Co.

Chic spring hats of ribbon at the Elite Hat Shop.

Stylish new Hart-Schaffner suits in new bracken shade at Foster Clothing Company.

Dainty boudoir caps at Miss M. E. Martin's.

An O. K. hand lotion at Hess & Co. Something new in furniture is the occasional table at Dempster Furniture Co.

A beautiful bedroom suite in Huguenot walnut at Cole's Furniture Co.

A pleasing dinner set of semi-porcelain wear in the Pershing design at the H. & S. Economy Store.

A pretty potted fern at Sikeston Seed Co.

Some attractive hand-painted bowls at Farmers Dry Goods & Clo. Co.

Beautiful tea sets in imported china at the Derris Drug Store.

STUBBS MOTOR CO. BANQUETS SALESMEN

One of the most enjoyable affairs held in Sikeston so far this season was the banquet given at the home of H. Clay Stubbs, Monday evening, by the Stubbs Motor Co. to their salesmen and heads of their departments. This was another of the get-together gatherings that the Stubbs Motor Co. give at stated times. This was the first meeting of the New Year and the outlining of plans for the various departments was freely discussed.

National Display Week, January 9 to 16, will be observed by all dealers in Ford products and this subject was before the banqueters. The Stubbs Motor Co. expects to have their display rooms fittingly decorated for the occasion and every type of car and tractor manufactured by the Ford Company will be on display. During this entire week special orchestra music will be given in addition to a radio concert by the New York branch of the Ford Company. The Ford Old-Fashioned Dance Orchestra will broadcast this program.

The Stubbs Motor Co. expect to open their Annual Used Car Show where they will have on display a large array of different style cars and all guaranteed ready to ramble.

A National Salesman's Contest started January 1 and will close on March 31. The United States is divided into two sections—North and South. Each section is divided into 13 divisions and each division will send a man to Detroit free of charge to the one making the greatest number of sales during the time the contest is on. The winner in each division will be chosen by volume sales and the towns will be classified according to population. Last year a similar contest was held and Clay Stubbs failed to win one of the trips by the small margin of three cars. He is entering the contest again this year in cities of from 2000 to 5000 population and asks his friends to lend their assistance by telling him of any prospective sales during this time.

Those present were: Joe Stubbs, president; H. Clay Stubbs, sales manager; Sidney Schillig and Charles Barnett, bookkeepers; Earl Johnson, service manager; J. Frank Roberts, used car department manager; Clarence Weekley, cashier; R. L. Jackson, sales department; J. W. Robertson, manager tractor department; Earl Barrs, manager parts department.

MISSOURI SPENT FIFTY- NINE MILLION IN 1925

Jefferson City, January 4.—Missouri spent more than \$59,000,000 last year from the State Treasury. Receipts for the year were more than \$56,000,000.

This was announced late today by State Treasurer C. E. Stephens.

The state's total Treasury balance at the close of business December 31, 1925, was \$751,346.33, compared with a balance of \$11,357,166.30 on December 31, 1924, it was shown.

Total disbursements for the year amounted to \$59,22,025, while receipts totaled \$56,616,205, including \$15,000,000 of state road bonds.

There was a balance of only \$148,630.10 in the state revenue fund at the close of 1925, compared with a balance of \$1,421,530 at the end of 1924, according to records. Receipts into the revenue fund for the year amounted to \$10,802,040, while disbursements totaled \$12,074,941, it was shown.

Of the total receipts, \$3,33.82 was transferred to the public school fund under the provision which requires one-third of all revenue collected go to the public schools.

The state road fund, at the close of 1925, showed a balance of \$2,622,983, compared with a balance of \$4,265,689 at the close of 1924. Receipts into the road fund during all of last year were \$27,985,355, while disbursements amounted to \$29,628,061, according to the Treasury records.

Holds Perfect Hand in Bridge

John Joe Russell of this city, an employee of the Highway Department, held a perfect hand in bridge a few nights ago. The hand consisted of 13 diamonds and is to our knowledge, the first time a perfect hand in bridge has been held in Southeast Missouri.

Why go to some other state or country to make our fortune when there are many opportunities at home with surrounding conditions which we are familiar with and able to meet? Work and boost Southeast Missouri.

WALLACE WRITES HE WAS KIDNAPPED

On the day of the meeting of the members of the Scott Wallace Cave Association in this city, a letter was received from him postmarked at Kennett, Mo., stating that he had been kidnapped by three men and an old lady on a lonely road three miles north of Dexter. He lost his order case and a lead pencil at the point designated, which articles were duly found by a searching party from Sikeston headed by Clint Kindred. Icky Arthur, carefully scrutinized the pencil to see if he could discover any clue on which to work. He finally decided that it was the pencil used in writing the kidnapped letter and it will be reserved as an exhibit in a cave of their own that the members will probably dig. From far away Bragadocia in Pemiscot county, came a member, and member he was for, he exhibited an old piece of Confederate scrip on the back of which was printed the announcement that the holder was a member in good standing and had exchanged a good \$5 Federal bill for the Confederate certificate. From the northern edge of Cape Girardeau, came Lee Welman, Ben Vineyard and W. C. Pattengale, who were "interested though not members".

There were supposed to be but 30 members to this select association, but when the Montgomery store in Frisco was cleared and members only admitted who could produce the certificate, 47 noses were counted including Herschel Randolph, who seemed to be the bull goose in the absence of the kidnapped one.

The editor of The Standard could not secure admission as a representative of the press, as some of the members seemed to feel that they had already been pressed a little too much.

A number of soap box speeches were made on the inside of the hall, the trend of which did not filter thru the window. By grapevine telegraph, it was said a hamburger man from Lilbourn, made the proposition to the 47 varieties, to match his \$1.75 and they could dig a cave of their own.

In the meantime, Scott Wallace, the kidnapped one, may be languishing in the bowels of his own bat cave sampling some of the moonshine that he reported was there. Some of the unsympathetic members said if Wallace had reported that he had been kidnapped by a young and handsome woman, they would have believed it, but no man in his right mind, would be kidnapped by an old lady. Ain't it the truth!

THE WHITE FAMILY MEET IN SIKESTON

Sunday, January 3, will be a day long remembered by the Clan of White, for it was a reunion of this splendid family. From Oklahoma City came one brother, from St. Louis another, from Fredericktown the sister. The homestead of the White family is now the home of Pitts White near Bertrand, and the place where they attended church in their youth was at Bertrand, so it was the church of long ago, that this family of mature people attended Sunday, after which they came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. White in this city, where they partook of a dinner fit for the Kings. At this gathering were: C. E. White, of Oklahoma City, superintendent of Reliance Insurance Company of Pittsburg; R. C. White, General Superintendent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad; Mrs. C. L. Whitener of Fredericktown, Pitts White of Bertrand, and C. C. and J. Edgar White of this city. With other members of the White families fifteen were at the dinner. The Standard wishes for the "White Family" long life and many such reunions.

Mrs. J. D. Dell of Carbondale, Ill., has been a visitor in the W. H. Carter home for several days.

M. L. Weiss of St. Louis came down during the holidays to spend a short while visiting friends. It had been 16 months since he left Sikeston and he still wishes to be back. All friends at this end of the line were glad to see him.

The Woman's Club at its regular meeting at the City Hall Tuesday afternoon was well attended and Rev. Enzor of the Methodist church gave an interesting address with three subjects as follows: "Individual Responsibility", "Training Our Children for Community Service", "City Help and Sanitation".



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The Standard is in receipt of a mass of bunk sent under the frank of Martin L. Davey of Ohio, pertaining to government employees. He believes there are entirely too many of them, that they draw entirely too much pay, that they are a bunch of loafers and so thick in the Departments that they are in each others' way. The editor of The Standard was an employee of the Federal Government in Washington for twenty years and can truthfully say that the only overpaid people that we met in all that time were about two-thirds of the members of Congress, who, at home were justice of the peace lawyers and never before made half the money they drew from the public treasury. At that time Government clerks were on duty 7½ hours per day, were docked if they were away for any cause during work hours. Their pay ranged from \$550 per year in the Bureau of Engraving and printing for women, to \$1800 for high class bookkeepers, and Chiefs of Divisions, \$2000 to \$2,500 per year. Stenographers from \$900 to \$1600 per year. At this time they receive, perhaps, an average of \$250 more per year for clerks and stenographers, to make up for the high cost of living. Congressman Davey asks that we write our Congressman to get him to help turn the rascals out. We are going to print this for Congressman Bailey's benefit. He is paying \$160 per month for a furnished house for his family. Food and clothing will not cost him as much there as in Sikeston. At this rate he'll have to send home for money before his term expires as his \$7500 per year, that looks so big out here, is so little there. Two Sikeston girls are in Washington in Government service, one drawing \$125.00 per month, the other \$93 per month. They pay \$16 for room rent, \$1 per day for two meals, and have to pay for lunch, laundry and, car fare. Mr. Bailey will not assist Mr. Davey in his efforts to further oppress Government employees, or we don't believe he will. All Government employees that we knew put in just such hours as do

our banks, but they never catch up with their work. Employees of the Government are above the average intelligence, must pass a high civil service test and are supposed to dress in keeping with the dignity of the Government. If all newspaper men knew as much about the employees in Washington and of the average Congressman, they would insist on having fewer Congressmen and of higher qualifications and higher morals.

One of C. F. McMullin's colored tenants while in The Standard office Tuesday, spoke in the highest terms of his treatment to his tenants. He likewise spoke the truth when he said trashy white law breakers and mule negroes were bad for any community.

We are not stating this as a fact, but we are told that half of the boys in town have turned down drinks since the holidays. The reason is not stated, but the inference is, that they haven't sufficiently gotten over the Christmas celebration or have fore-sworn for good and all.

Senator Reed is now fighting the World Court, not on the merits of the Court, but on the names of some of the members. He wonders how an American would like for Iorozu Oda of Japan, or Dionisio Angelotti of Italy, or Diedrick Nighotrun of Denmark, or Antonio Sanchez de Bustamanto of Cuba, to set on questions of Justice for the United States. Senator Reed is a Senator of destruction instead of a Senator of construction and we believe him to be a s. o. b. net.

THE FARMERS IN REVOLT

Congress may adjourn for the holidays, but politics will not. In fact, the Christmas recess witnessed the coming to a head of the most threatening political movement which has troubled the Republican Party since the election of 1924. Leaders in Congress are visibly disturbed by it. The President does not conceal his anxiety. He went to Chicago a month ago for the express purpose of placating the farmers, but they simply went on with their attacks upon Republican policy, as it has affected American agriculture, and with their demands that legislation be had enacting special favors for the farmer, on pain of defeat at the polls in case no heed is paid to the revolt on the farm.

This farm menace has been the unwelcome guest at all the holiday feasting of Republicans. Even the White House was invaded. Mr. Coolidge has been compelled to postpone other questions in order to head off, if possible, the descent of farm representatives upon the capital to make life miserable for the Republican Party. Senator Capper, with his ear to the ground and his eye to the stormy heavens, fairly startled Washington last week by declaring that unless the Administration and the Republican leaders took hold of the threatening farm situation there would be an "upheaval" in the West that would shake the political edifice to its foundations. The whole agitation, which for a time passed almost unnoticed by the politicians, has become the biggest sensation of the day in the world of politics. It promises to inject itself into Congress from the very moment of its resuming its sessions.

Some light-hearted Republicans are inclined to dismiss the uprising on the farm as of no account. They say that they have seen such things before. They recall the earlier days of Iowa insurgency, when the Republican Party in that State, under the leadership of Senator Allison, used to pass horrifying resolutions attacking the protective tariff as inimical to the farmer, and demanding lower customs du-

ties if not actually free trade. Then there was the late Populist uprising; the outbreak of discontents when Roosevelt was President, which led him at one time to consider revising the tariff downward; the Western Republican disloyalty to President Taft in 1910, and so on. All these movements had their little day and ceased to be. The Republican Party rose after the attack of each and all of them stronger than ever. Why should anybody doubt that history will repeat itself, and that the present menace of the Western farmers will after a little fade away?

It is not a case for prophesying about the future, but for facing what is, for the Republican Party, a very ugly present. It is such because the farmers are now making an attack upon the tariff on two fronts. They assert, in the first place, that it operates injuriously to them. They do not accept the soothing figures which President Coolidge presented to them, in the attempt to make it appear that the tariff discrimination against them is, after all, only slight. They affirm that it hurts them severely and they know it. Only one thing can prevent them from directly assaulting the whole protective system. This is to give them a specialized kind of protection, boldly avowed to be a Government subsidy, and designed to level up, as they say, their condition with that of the classes whom the tariff largely benefits. Now, this is a particularly damaging form of assault for the Republicans to have to meet. It frankly unmasks all the protection batteries. Protection, according to its new definition by the Western farmers, is the same thing as a Government subsidy. You give one to manufacturers, they wrathfully say to the Washington Administration, in the form of tariff schedules; now give us one in the form of a bounty on the export of our agricultural surplus. If we don't get ours, you can't keep yours.

How to escape from the horns of this dilemma it will puzzle the Republican politicians in Congress to decide. A few tariff sops thrown to the farmer may be suggested. But those would amount to nothing. The farmers are now thoroughly convinced that the tariff duties on agricultural products are little better than a sham and a humbug. They refuse any longer to be fooled by them. They think they see clearly the alternatives to be placed before the Republican managers, and propose to make a fight for their own hand with a disregard of party regularity and party shibboleths which is quite appalling in its boldness. The whole development has sprung up suddenly, advanced rapidly, and now is like a threatening cloud in the Western sky. It is hard to see how it can possibly "break with blessing" upon the apprehensive Republican head.—New York Times.

THIS WEEK IN MO. HISTORY

Floyd C. Shoemaker

Sixty-one years ago this week the last step was taken in inaugurating the rule of the Radicals in Missouri. That step was the assembling of Missouri's third constitutional convention, which met in St. Louis on January 6, 1865. The election of 1864 had been a Radical victory. The 23rd General Assembly which convened on December 26, 1864, was a Radical Legislature. The new state executive, Thomas C. Fletcher, who took the oath of office on January 2, 1865, was a Radical. And the new fundamental law to be framed by the convention of January 6, 1865, was a Radical constitution, providing for Radical voters, government, and judges. Yet, despite control from top to bottom of the political machinery

in Missouri, the rule of the Radicals lasted only six years.

The third Missouri constitutional convention, which met in St. Louis on January 6, 1865, was inferior in personnel. Its average member was obscure in the state, unversed in law, narrow in outlook. Few of the sixty-six delegates were widely known and most of them returned to immediate obscurity. Some conservatives were in the body, and a few pastel radicals, but three-fourths of the delegates consistently backed the extremist leader.

Charles D. Drake, a St. Louis lawyer, was the moving spirit of the convention, its most active and conspicuous member and probably the ablest. He was of an irritating but sincere personality, rough-shod and relentless. His personal interest in the convention was great; he was a hard worker in committees and an effective leader on the floor. "Drake glorified in the name of Radical and swayed the Convention as he would his class in Sunday school. He drafted the section on disqualifications for voters and others, and so influenced the assembly in all its procedures that it has been called the Darke or Draconian convention. Likewise, the constitution became known as the Draconian code, in reference to his name and to the penal code drawn up by the Draco of Athens, who prescribed death for all crimes.

The Radical movement had been smouldering fiercely and persistently all during the war. The State convention of 1861, called to decide Missouri's stand in the war, had continued as a provisional government made up of conservative Union men. This body had required a loyalty oath of voters, civil office holders, jurymen, attorneys, corporation officers, preachers and teachers, and in 1863 had passed an ordinance of gradual emancipation of slaves.

Halfway measures did not pacify the Radical element, the Unionist party in Missouri split in 1864. The death of the "Claybank" leader, Governor Hamilton R. Gamble, the seating of the "Charcoal" delegation at the national convention, and the defeat of General Sterling Price's Confederate forces strengthened the Radicals. They won by a large majority the 1864 election including their point, the calling of a state convention to revise the constitution.

The constitutional convention act had provided that the convention should consider, first, amendments deemed necessary for the emancipation of slaves, and second, amendments as it might deem essential to the public good.

Accordingly, "That...slaves are free" was passed with celebration on January 11, 1865, eleven months before the nation-wide emancipation proclamation.

The restrictions on suffrage were thorough. The oath of loyalty, specifically denying "ever" having done some four score acts, was required of voters at each election, and of jurors, office holders, officers and directors of corporations, trustees, attorneys, teachers and preachers. Uniform registration of voters and a system of qualification for judges were provided as well as a punishment of a \$500 fine or six months imprisonment, or both, for infringement of the law.

The "iron-clad" oath evoked controversy, but passed. Opponents held it to be a bill of attainder, an ex post facto law, and a violation of Governor Gamble's proclamation of amnesty to these persons who returned to Union allegiance before December 17, 1861.

Another act loudly protested was the "ousting" ordinance which declared vacant all judicial offices in the state. The governor was to fill these offices with men who would work in harmony with the new constitution.

Though the entire constitution was revised, the new document contained no unusual departures from the old one as it stood amended except for the sections already mentioned. Special attention was given to enactments on education, and on banks and corporations. The constitution was wise and acceptable and reasonable in the main, but was never characterized as such, its more progressive aspects being blotted out of consideration by a wholesale denial of fundamental American rights.

As compared with the fifty-five years service of the original constitution of 1820 and the half century and more of the present constitution adopted in 1875, the existence of the constitution of 1865 was short and full of trouble.

It was adopted under majority protest since it carried by 1835 votes in 85,769 cast, and by its own terms tens of thousands of voters, who were certainly opposed to it, were not allowed to vote on it. It was, however, early expunged of its remarkable features, so that the proposal to revise it passed in 1875 by only a scant majority.

The rule of the Radicals in Missouri ended in 1870. They had had strong leaders and they had exercised almost unlimited power since 1865. They weakened a good constitution

with an "Ironclad Oath", which deprived the majority of Missourians from voting and holding office and many men from teaching, preaching, and practicing law. They put a blot on a constitutional convention authorized by Missourians by ousting the legally elected judges of the state. They brought censure on themselves by 'Registry Acts' which conflicted with the sense of justice of most citizens and which drove from their own ranks the ablest and most influential leaders. Their rule left memories which lived half a century to the detriment of themselves and their State.

On the other hand, Missouri prospered, grew in wealth, and increased in population during the rule of the Radicals. Taxes were high, but the schools were given state aid and flourished as never before considering the lack of education during four years of war. The first State revenue appropriation was made for the support of the University of Missouri. The agriculture department of the university and the school of mines were established. A board of statistics was created. The state normal schools at Kirksville and Warrensburg and Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City were founded. A state insurance department was created. A separate state superintendent of public schools was established. Progress was made in paying off the great railroad debts of the '50s and the war debt of the '60s. New settlers, mostly from northern states, poured in and helped develop Missouri's resources. Missouri was prosperous, growing, and advancing rapidly. These things—the "Ironclad Oath", the "Ousting Ordinance" and the "Registry Acts"—are remembered and serve as warnings. The good things—emancipation of the slaves, rapid payment of the debt, increase in wealth, growth in population, and advancement of education—are also remembered and serve as guides.

URGES MILK DRINKING TO FIGHT COFFEE TRUST

Springfield, Ill., December 29.—Marking the first official effort in Illinois to break down the coffee holding movement by European combines, S. J. Standard, state director of agriculture, today urged the people of the state to drink milk for breakfast and dinner instead of coffee.

The use of milk as a breakfast food, he said, "will be very much

more beneficial to the people of this country than the use of coffee. The same will apply to the use of milk at dinner. Such a course will result in the collapse of the coffee-holding movement."

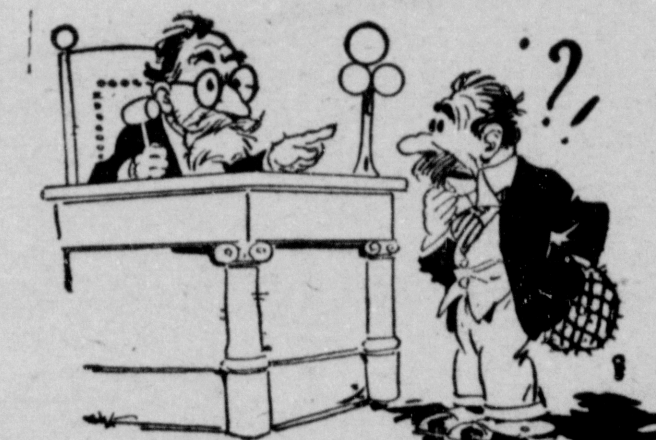
The statement was in accordance with a resolution recently adopted in Chicago at the annual meeting of the association of secretaries, commissioners and departments of agriculture, which called upon the American people to "use the milk bottle as a weapon against the coffee producers,

dealers and speculators of foreign countries, who have rapidly increased the cost of living to United States citizens."

This country's two women Governor's receive salaries of \$4000 a year.

Dolores del Rio, one of the richest women in Mexico, has heeded the lure of the movies.

Though she is 104 years of age, Mrs. Frankie Welfeldt of Maud, Ok., recently married for the fifth time.



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CORRESPONDENCE FROM MOREHOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sarff, Mrs. I. H. Dunaway, Mrs. Josie Hart and Mrs. Bryce Edwards attended the funeral of Chas. McMullin in Sikeston Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Josephine Hart entertained with two tables of bridge Tuesday afternoon. Those present were: Mesdames W. O. Mason, L. I. Gray, R. I. Biennert, I. H. Dunaway, Ed Hindman, F. G. Zillmer, J. W. Sarff and Bryce Edwards. A dainty two-course luncheon was served.

The Nazarenes have started a 3-weeks' revival meeting. Rev. E. C. Dees of Oklahoma preached the first sermon last Sunday night. Miss Edith Olinghouse of Indiana is the singer and the evangelist is from Georgia.

Little Margurite Sturgeon is very ill with membranous croup.

The infant son of Hilary Boone and wife has been very ill with double pneumonia but it better and able to be up a little.

Miss Opal Travilion, age 17, passed away at her home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, after several weeks' illness. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church by Rev. Patterson Tuesday afternoon and interment was in the Sikeston cemetery.

The year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mat Hunter died recently from stomach trouble. He was the only son in a family of five girls.

The high school basketball teams play a double header against Gideon

Friday night on the local court.

A sale at Buffington held by A. C. Whitener and his tenant Frye, was not well attended but prices were very satisfactory on most items sold. Next Friday a public sale will be held at the L. M. Stallcup farm, three miles southeast of Morehouse on the Canolou rock road.

Some women are good housekeepers, but poor home-makers.

Mrs. L. B. Craven and Mrs. W. A. Singleton of Lilbourn were in Sikeston on business, Thursday.

Mrs. W. E. Jones and son Russell have returned from Plant City, Fla., where they visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Edwin Griffin and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keith were in St. Louis during the week. They were accompanied by Miss Mildred Kimes. On the return trip Dr. Porter Kendall accompanied.

We understand the Cotton Pickers lost their game with Ste. Genevieve Wednesday night. The team didn't arrive there until 9 p. m. and lacked time to properly warm up to the game.

The editor and wife enjoyed the opening dinner at the Kirby Cafe, on Wednesday. Everything from back door of the front is new and clean and was appetizing. Mrs. Gentles is in charge of the big hotel range and is a cook of high order and long experience. Mr. Kirby will be assisted by his two sons, who have had much experience in this line and they will continue to make a financial success of the restaurant business in the future as they have in the past.

APPROACHING STATE SPELLING CONTEST

I have just received notice from State Supt. Lee, of the approaching State Spelling Contest. The contest this year will be divided into three divisions; rural, elementary school and high school. This will not cause any competition between rural schools and elementary school of the towns and villages. All parohial schools are included in the contest.

No word list will be sent out this year from the State Superintendent's office. Words generally used in newspapers will be used in the State Contest.

The date of the district contest to be held for this district at the Teachers' College at Cape Girardeau will be announced by the committee soon. Watch the papers for the date. As soon as the date for the district contest is announced, I will announce the time and place for the county contests—three in number; rural, elementary and high school.

The general regulations governing the county contests as used last year seemed successful and I am sure will be equally as successful this year. Each school will be allowed two contestants (four where there is a high school), to be selected by the local school in any manner they choose.

Since no word list is being sent out by the State Department there will be no list sent from this office. The list used in the county contest will contain no unusual or "catch" words, but words generally found in newspa-

pers and general reading. Begin now to prepare your pupils for the county contest.

Mr. Lee has also announced that the questions in Pedagogy for teachers examinations this year will be based upon the following two books:

Modern Methods and the Elementary Curriculum, Phillips Rural Life and Education, Cubberly.

These books should be read by teachers desiring renewal of certificates in order to comply with the reading circle.—J. H. GOODIN, County Supt. of Schools.

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Twenty-eight new pupils entered the primary grades in the Sikeston school this week, which gives us more than 1200 pupils in the high and grade schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Townsend of Hot Springs, Ark., attended the funeral of C. F. McMullin in Sikeston, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Townsend is an only sister of Mrs. McMullin.

From the San Bernardino, Calif., Sun, we learn that C. R. Hamilton, a former citizen of Sikeston but of late years of Colton, Calif., has been promoted to an important position with the Pacific Express Fruit plant and transferred to Mampa, Idaho.

FULTON DISMISSES HIGHWAY INJUNCTION

Jefferson City, January 5.—A stipulation dismissing the Fulton road injunction suit which has delayed completion of State Highway No. 2, the St. Louis-Kansas City road, was filed in Cole County Circuit Court late this afternoon by State Senator N. T. Cave of Fulton, representing the petitioners.

The stipulation provides for dismissal of the suit and dissolving of a temporary injunction issued August 20 last against the State Highway Commission, which has prevented the commission from entreing into contracts for concrete paving of 32 miles on Highway No. 2 through Callaway and Boone counties.

The dismissal is the result of a decision of Supreme Court en banc on December 30, last, upholding the powers of the State Highway Commission to make changes in the legislative designation of routes of the primary or higher type roads of the State system, when in the interest of economy or directness of routes. The decision was handed down in a test case originating in St. Charles and Warren counties over a relocation of the route of No. 2.

In the Fulton case the petitioners protested against a change in the routing of No. 2 by the commission which would miss the towns of Callwood, Millersburg and Fulton in Callaway County. The three towns had been included in the legislative designation of the route. The route adop-

ed by the commission will miss Fulton about six miles to the north. The ruling in the parallel case from St. Charles and Warren counties disposed of the legal points raised in the Fulton suit and made further action by the Fulton petitioners useless.

"This ends the case", Senator Cave said. "We thought we were right and filed the suit to protect what we believed were our rights. The Supreme Court decided against us. We have no desire to harass or obstruct the Highway Commission, and want to put our shoulder to the wheel for the road program".

The New Westinghouse Mazda light globes, reduced prices.—Farmers Supply Hardware.

Miss Dorothy Lillard, teacher in the public school, is unable to be on duty this week because of a severe cold.

Dwight Brown and "Lefty" Stewart publishers of the Daily American at Poplar Bluff, accompanied by their wives, were in Sikeston for a short while Tuesday on their way to Cape Girardeau.

Miss Viola Jenkins, one of our telephone operators, was taken to the hospital at Cairo Tuesday afternoon for an operation. Last report is that she is doing nicely. Dr. J. H. Yount is her attending physician.

Mrs. Mary Griffith entertained with a dinner party last Friday evening in honor of her son, Joe. Covers were laid for the following out-of-town guests: Charles Clowe, Carlton Clowe, Russell Hunt, Misses Georgia Cox, Helen Lyle and Virginia Lyle of Dexter and Dorothy Biffel of Bloomfield.

MINER SWITCH NEWS ITEMS

On Wednesday night friends of Mrs. W. T. Woods gave her a surprise party at her home in honor of her birthday. The evening was spent in music and dancing by the old folks as well as the young. Wm. Widdows, Sr., and Grandma Grigsby, in their 70s, won the prize for putting on the fastest steps to the music.

Roland Malcolm was in Cairo Tuesday to meet Mrs. Malcolm, who returned that day from Illinois, where she spent the holidays.

W. L. Grigsby is on our sick list. Mr. Johnson, of the Johnson Candy Co., of Cairo, was here Tuesday with his line of candies.

Mrs. Walker Boyd and children of St. Louis is visiting Mrs. C. W. Smoot and family this week.

T. T. Lofty is moving to the Harley Smith farm this week.

Mrs. C. C. Stevens is on the sick list this week.

C. B. Watson transacted business in East Prairie Wednesday.

Ben Matthews has installed a radio in his home.

Mrs. Henry Cutlip and son of East Prairie was calling on friends here, Monday.

Mr. Phillips of Cairo transacted business here Tuesday.

Leland Catledge is on the sick list.

The Co-Workers will meet with Mrs. Norman Davis Tuesday afternoon at 2:30. The purpose of the meeting is the election of officers.

HERE IS SENSATION-- MONTH OF JANUARY ONLY

Wanted---500 Men and Young Men to Take Advantage of the Chance to Buy a Kuppenheimer Suit of Clothes at the Unheardof Price \$38.00.

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RULING AGAINST BOARD OPENING BALLOT BOXES

Jefferson City, January 4.—The Supreme Court en banc this afternoon declared unconstitutional law passed in 1921, which gave boards of election commissioners in cities of 100,000 or more population the right to open the ballot boxes and recount the ballots in an election contest.

The ruling was contained in a decision making permanent a writ of prohibition restraining the Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners from proceeding with a contest of the election of George L. Goldman, Democrat, as a member of the Kansas City Council. The opinion also directed the board to issue a certificate of election to Goldman.

All the Judges of court en banc concurred in the opinion, which was handed down "per curiam", or the opinion of the entire court.

The ruling assures Democratic control of the city government of Kansas City, under the recently adopted city manager charter. In the election last November the Democrats obtained five of the nine places in the city council, thus assuring them control of the appointment of a city manager and other city officers. Republicans then instituted a contest to unseat Goldman, who was elected as a member of the council from the city at large, over L. R. Jewell (Rep.) by 304 votes.

In the contest against Goldman, the Board of Election Commissioners proposed to open the ballot boxes in only 55 precincts of the several hundred in the city.

In holding invalid the law giving such power to Election Commissioners, the court declared it conflicted with an amendment to the State Constitution adopted in 1924, when prescribed the conditions under which the ballot boxes might be opened and ballots recounted. The court held that boxes could be opened only in contested elections, grand jury investigations and in the trial of criminal or civil cases in which violations of election laws were under investigation.

The Court pointed out that any proceeding in the nature of an election contest must be heard and determined by a court or a Judge of a court. The opinion held that no such judicial powers were vested in the Board of Election Commissioners.

The Court held there could be no recount such as proposed by the Board of Election Commissioners, "and their sole power left is to cast

up the returns of the judges and clerks (of election) and certify the results".

BUYS SCENIC WONDER FOR HALF A MILLION

Lexington, Va., December 24.—The Virginia natural bridge, spanning Cedar Creek, at a point 14 miles from Lexington, one of the points of interest for visitors touring the Old Dominion, has been purchased for a consideration of \$500,000 by the Natural Bridge Company, Inc., of Virginia.

The scenic wonder was ceded to Thomas Jefferson in 1774, in a 157-acre land grant by King George III of England, and remained a part of the Jefferson estate until 1833. Since that time it has been maintained as a tourist center by private enterprises. The new owners, principally business men of Richmond, plan to improve the property, which will continue as one of the show places of Virginia.

The bridge is 90 feet long and varies in width from 50 to 150 feet. It spans Cedar Creek, at a height of 215 feet. Its base is 1500 feet above sea level. The structure is composed of horizontal strata of limestone and constitutes the remains of an underground passageway through the waterway formerly coursed. Magnesium and lithia springs and a saltpeter cave, worked prior to 1912, are on the property. Lee Highway runs over the bridge.

The regular meeting of the Missionary Society of the Methodist church was held at the church Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. Friedman and family of East Prairie and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lampert, of Sikeston, motored to Dexter last Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. Wagner.

The Hemphill Manufacturing Co. of Kennett, have shipped to Louisville, Ky., 24,000 blanks to be turned into baseball bats. These blanks are the length of a finished bat but are sawed square at Kennett. They are of first quality ash.

Mrs. Yandle Davis died at her home in Blytheville, Ark., Thursday morning at 8:00 o'clock. She had been an invalid for several months. She was a young woman and left one child besides her husband to mourn her loss. Grady Davis and Miss Nellie Rankin of Sikeston were present when she died. The body was buried at Malden, her former home.

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HOW TO HANDLE A SPOILED CHILD

1. A spoiled child often indicates that he has selfish parents or neurotic parents. Is your child spoiled?
2. Begin your anti-spoiling methods early. A child can be as thoroughly spoiled at two months as at four years.
3. To habitually "give in" to your child is not an evidence of real mother love. More likely it is proof that you prize your own immediate comfort more than you do your child's future welfare.
4. Don't "show off" your child before company.
5. Don't determine to give your child all the luxuries and advantages you and his father may have missed in your own childhood. Make him earn some of them.
6. Don't always do for your child those things he should learn to do for himself.
7. Give him some responsibility each day and insist that he carry it out. This encourages self-reliance and fosters pride of achievement.
8. All praise and no blame makes Jack a conceited boy. Praise your child when he merits it, of course. But don't forget the beneficial effects of occasional constructive criticism, or even of punishment.
9. Be consistent in your own conduct.
10. Remember that most selfish, disagreeable, conceited and unreliable adults were once spoiled children.
11. Don't forget that what your child is, up to ten or twelve of age, usually indicates what he will continue to be all the rest of his life.—Designer Magazine.

Lynn Ballard spent the Xmas holidays in Bloomfield with his cousin, R. P. Parker.

Meteorologists have usually laughed at the idea. Not so H. Helm Clayton, of Blue Hill Observatory, Mass. According to him, climate in all localities in a state of ebb and flow, and in this country the extremes if both winter and summer are being softened down. Mr. Clayton believes that, although the temperature year by year fluctuates widely from the average, there is an underlying upward trend in the northern United States and Canada, while in the south the trend is the other way. Thus the contrast between the weather of the North and South is diminishing, and the climate of the country as a whole is ameliorating.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL FROM MATTHEWS

Announcements have been received of the birth of a baby girl, Mildred Louise, on December 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Green, 624 East St., Flint, Mich. Mrs. Green will be remembered as Miss Ethel Moore.

Mrs. Willard Whitten and son of Sikeston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shilby and family of Eldogett, Mrs. J. Watson and grandsons of Sikeston, F. E. Shelby of Blytheville, Ark., Alec Whitten of Oakland City, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Burnette of Morehouse were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Whitten and family last week.

Mr. Bixier, who is suffering from blood poisoning is in a very serious condition. Drs. Presnell and Rhodes of Sikeston were called again Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill and little daughter motored to Morehouse Tuesday to visit the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ball.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Englehardt motored to Charleston Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Lee.

A number of young people attended the dance in Canolou last week.

Lee Welman of Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday on business.

S. N. Shepherd and C. L. Blanton, Jr., attended to business in Benton Tuesday afternoon.

Young Ballard returned to his studies at the State Normal, Cape Girardeau, this week.

Miss Emma Wilson, of Cape Girardeau, an aunt of Mrs. Chas. F. McMullin, is here to attend the funeral of Mr. McMullin.

W. D. Lake and daughter, Miss Florence, Mrs. D. L. Wood and Miss Nan Collar, all of Effingham, Ill., are visiting Mrs. George Dye.

The following group of the young set enjoyed last Sunday evening at the home of More Griffith: James Howell, Franklin Moore, Lyman Fox, Jack Lancaster, David Blanton, Misses Vivian Jackson, Mary Ferrell, Evelyn Smith, Fannie Becker, Frances Fisher and Lottie Dover.

Mrs. Alma Woodside, the mother of Mrs. Jno. Ensor, was stricken with paralysis on the right side, last Sunday while alone. On the return of Rev. and Mrs. Ensor, she was found seated on the lower stair-step, where she had been for an hour or more. Mrs. Ensor reports her mother much improved at this time and we hope for her early recovery.

Slim Pickens, who has been bothered by his feet going to sleep during preaching services, has decided to try wearing a pair of right loud sox.



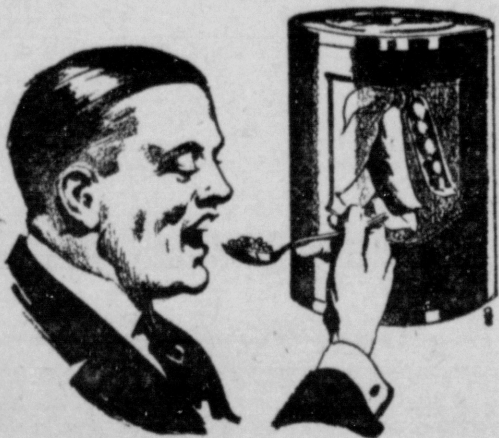
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T. R. WOODS, Pastor.

Methodist Church.
9:30—Sunday School.
10:40—Junior Congregation.
11:00—Morning services. Subject: "Love and Its Purpose".
6:30—Intermediate and Senior Epworth Leagues.
7:30—Evening services. Subject: "The Greatness of Little Things".
You are cordially invited to these services.

REV. ENSOR, Pastor

Nazarene Church
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Preaching.
6:30—Young people's meeting.
7:30—Preaching.
The public is invited to attend all services.

J. L. COX, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church
Meets Sunday in the new building on Matthews Avenue.
9:45—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning worship.
You are invited to these services.
H. L. SAUNDERS, Pastor.

Baptist Church
9:30—Sunday School.
11:00—Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor.

6:30—The B. Y. P. U. Both Senior and Intermediate. Meet for Bible Study.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service led by the choir. Sermon by the pastor.

You are invited to all our services and cordially welcome.

S. P. BRITE, Pastor

First Christian Church
9:45—Bible School.

10:45—Morning Worship. Subject: "In Spirit and In Faith".

6:30—Christian Endeavor.

7:30—Evening Worship. Subject: "Born Again".

Mid-week worship, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The public invited to all services.

E. B. HENSLEY, Pastor.

The holidays are over, the new year is upon us, and much ground lies before us to be conquered. It is time for us to take off our coats, roll up our sleeves, and get down to work. "Hats off to the old year, coats off to the new," an English speaker said. About half of a busy church winter year is past, but the busiest part lies immediately ahead of us. January to April is the season the Churches accomplish the real work of the year. So let us all take our coats off, in our church tasks, and make this next quarter a period of growth and progress for the Kingdom of God in our community. Each of us can contribute. Attendance at Sunday School, church services, and the Midweek services should be increased—and this can be done if you will regularly invite someone to come with you. New members can be won to the church, and souls can be won to Christ, if you will take the trouble and thought to say the word of invitation. If knowing Christ and being a Christian means anything to you, you will be on the watch to make it as much to someone else. Let ours be an every member church this quarter at least, with every member working constantly in a constructive way.—Selected.

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INVITATIONS OUT FOR GOVERNOR'S BALL, JAN. 9

Invitations have been mailed to all military officials in the State to attend the Governor's annual reception, January 9. Plans for the reception have been completed, and from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Gov. and Mrs. Baker, their daughter and elective officials of the State will receive approximately 800 military officials.

Adjutant-General Frank Rumbold, who made arrangements for the event, through the Governor has invited all military officials on duty in Missouri, including those connected with training forces at the University of Missouri, National Guard officers, and officials at various other State Military bases, to the mansion. Those officials not known to be on duty in the State also are urged to attend, Gen. Rumbold said. He estimated that 800 would be entertained in the executive mansion.

Wives and daughters, as well as friends, are understood to be included in the invitation, he said. The Governor's personal staff of 31 Colonels will attend.

Two precedents will have been established at the close of the annual colorful affair. Elective members of the Supreme Court—the Judges—have been asked by the Governor to participate in the afternoon reception, for the first time in history; and the public reception at night will be held in the capitol. The east nave, formerly the showplace of Missouri's war prizes, has been cleared of display cases and the public ball will be staged there. The rotunda also will be used for dancing. The military band will sit between the center and the east wing on the second floor.

In the gubernatorial suite between 8 and 10 o'clock Gov. Baker will meet the public in the spacious reception room. It is estimated by officials that 4000 people, including prominent personages of the State, will attend the larger gathering at night. Every person in the State is invited to the ball.

Those who will attend from Skeston are: Major Harry E. Dudley, Capt. Rufus Reed, Capt. Tanner Dye, Capt. J. H. Yount, Lieut. Russell and Lieut. Ned Tanner.

NEWS FROM OTHER STATES

Fargo, N. D., January 5.—Negotiations were completed yesterday for a ten-round bout between Pinky Mitchell of Milwaukee, junior welterweight champion of the world, and Russie Leroy of Fargo, here January 14.

Hannibal, Mo., Jan. 5.—Issuing and signing her own marriage license was the novel experience of Miss Jessie Devereux, Deputy Circuit Clerk of Marion County, at Palmyra, who was married last night to John Glenening, also of Palmyra.

Chicago, Ill., January 2.—Cash and merchandise losses through robberies in Chicago were less by \$616,287 in 1925 than in 1924, said Police Department statisticians today.

Washington, January 2.—A sharp increase in the number of pneumonia cases in Washington is attributed to a shortage of coal.

Detroit, Mich., January 2.—To pursue the sun across the top of the world is one of the expectations of the Detroit Aviation Society's Arctic Airplane Expedition when it takes off from Point Barrow, Alaska, next March.

Tampa, Fla., January 2.—The Tampa Times today says, thirteen cases of smallpox in the city have brought from Dr. E. C. Levy, City Health Officer, a plea that everyone be vaccinated at once.

New York, January 3.—Mrs. R. L. Whitney, political of the Joint Salary Committee of Teachers' Organizations for higher pay for New York teachers yesterday, declaring teachers would be justified in going to the Legislature with their demand.

Phoenix, Ariz., January 2.—The skeleton of a second pre-historic man believed to have been a member of the race of "Canal Builders", which inhabited Arizona 2000 years ago, was unearthed here late today by a party working under the direction of the American Museum of Natural History.

The subscribers of the Tidings had a full week's rest from reading during the holiday week, and all seven of them look a lot better.

FOR SALE—One 250-egg capacity incubator.—Mrs. E. A. Riga, 213 N. Kingshighway.

FOR SALE—24 white leghorns, hens and pullets. \$1.00 each.—Mrs. E. A. Riga, 213 North Kingshighway.

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50c

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BOYS

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\$1.50 value now

\$1.00

EX-CONVICT MISSOURI BANKER GETS 7 YEARS

Capé Girardeau, January 6.—Wash Miller, former Oak Ridge banker, who has served a term in the Missouri Penitentiary for his part in the wrecking of the institution, was sentenced Tuesday to serve seven years in prison for forgery, by a jury in Circuit Court.

Miller admitted signing the name of E. J. White, former Memphis, Tenn., real estate man, to a note for \$4000 to cover a loan from the Oak Ridge Bank, now closed.

The existence of the note was discovered when bank examiners went over the accounts of the bank and ordered it closed and White denied he had signed the note or had authorized Miller to attach his name. Since this incident, White has moved to Chicago, where he is a real estate operator.

Miller, who has a family, is a native of this county and previous to the wrecking of the Oak Ridge Bank at the time he was cashier, held a position of affluence and was widely popular.

According to British scientists, women are better at detail than men.

NOTICE

Will those who took Christmas seals to sell, return those left or money for same.

MRS. KATE GREER.

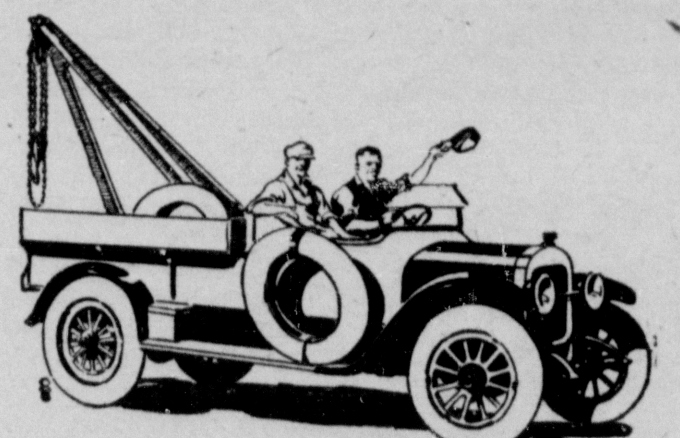
Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Margaret Simpson, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administrator at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 1st day of February, A. D., 1926.

J. W. JONES, Administrator

During 1924 there was one divorce for every 10 marriages in the United States.
Columbus Allsop brags that he never in his life scratched the Democratic ticket and that he is not biased in the least; and to prove it, if he was to see a Republican stuck tight and fast in a mudhole, he wouldn't hesitate to offer to pull him out, provided the man wasn't on his way to vote.

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1000 GIANT GAR FISH TAKEN OUT OF STREAMS

Jefferson City, January 4.—More than 1000 giant gar fish, weighing up to thirty pounds each, have recently been taken from streams and lakes in Missouri in the initial move instituted by state game and fish department for eradication of the preying monsters.

"The gar has long been known as one of the most destructive agents of game fish and its rapid increase in some waters of the state has been directly responsible for the depletion of game fish," said Keith McCansie, game and fish commissioner.

The first attempt to rid the waters of these undesirable was made in Mississippi county where huge gar, some of them four feet and more in length, have been taken from Brewer's Lake.

Gar are valueless as food fish and yet a single gar will annually consume many times its own weight of other and more desirable species, said McCansie. He has asked that sportsmen co-operate with the department in the eradication work to make better fishing in Missouri. The department purposes to extend the work beginning immediately, as the gar frequently gather in deep pools by thousands in winter months, and at this time they can be most easily destroyed.

Sportsmen are requested to notify the state game and fish department here, if they find that there are schools of gar in streams in their vicinity that might be destroyed.

EUROPE'S ARMIES LESS THAN IN 1913

Geneva, December 22.—Europe already has begun to disarm. Reliable figures which the correspondent compiled here with technical aid prove this fact conclusively.

The oft-repeated statement that more men are under arms now than before the war is branded as false. There are actually one million and a half fewer soldiers in Europe today than there were in 1913.

As the result of the spirit of Locarno and the development of the League of Nations, additional reductions are expected in the near future, particularly in France, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries. Probably before the proposed disarmament conference convenes, Europe will have emptied many barracks.

The figures show that the world's military power still is concentrated in Europe, but whereas 80 per cent of the world's soldiers before the war were European, now only 70 per cent of them are European.

European armies have diminished but South American and African armies have increased as have the colonial forces of European powers. The chief reductions since the war have been in Germany and Russia. France, Italy, Japan and others have effected substantial reductions. The only two great powers which actually have increased their standing armies are Great Britain and the United States.

The improved relations with Germany have occasioned the recent reductions in the Belgian, Czech and Dutch armies, and even the French home army. If Soviet Russia should come to terms with the rest of Europe, it is confidently foreseen that similar reductions in Eastern European armies would follow, thus supporting the thesis of those who assert that armaments are the result rather than the cause of troublesome political situations.

The proportion of various armies to the total military strength of Europe today is as follows: France, 24 per cent; Russia, 31 per cent; Great Britain, 16 per cent; Poland, 9 per cent; Italy, 8 per cent; Japan, 8 per cent and Spain, 7 per cent. Spain's abnormally large army doubtless is due to the prolonged Moroccan War.

For the purpose of comparing the total war strength of the various powers, it should be recalled that naval armament under the Washington treaties was established thus: Great Britain, the United States Japan, Italy and France in the ratio of 5, 5, 3, 1.75 and 1.75. The pre-war ranking of military powers was as follows: Russia, 28 per cent; France, 20 per cent; Germany, 19 per cent; Austria-Hungary, 10 per cent; Great Britain, 10 per cent; Italy, 6 per cent, and Japan, 6 per cent.

The new figures which the writer employs were derived partly from the armament handbooks of the League

of Nations, and partly from other accurate sources. They are said by experts to be the most reliable ever compiled.

One difficulty of attempting to compare armies is to find a sound basis of comparison. The writer has chosen as the best rough measure the number of soldiers and non-coms actually bearing arms in a given year, excluding officers, militia and reserves.

MISSOURI TOWNS HAVE VERY BEST OF WATER

Jefferson City, January 5.—Installation of water supply and sewage disposal plants in small cities and towns of Missouri has been "a remarkable feature of the state's development during the period from 1922 to the end of 1925".

This is shown in a special article on utilities in the state in the 1925-26 Missouri Manual, or Blue Book, published through Secretary of State Charles U. Becker, and just being issued. The article was prepared by J. B. Sheridan, manager, Missouri Committee on Public Utility Information, St. Louis.

Missouri had, in 1924, (the latest data available) 125 municipally owned water supply plants, the article relates.

"Missouri is fortunate in having its streams and subterranean structures a supply of water not equaled in any other American state, except, possibly Arkansas", it is pointed out by the article.

The Missouri water companies cannot trust to nature, however, for the nature of the water they distribute, the article continues, no matter how pure the source of supply may be. Their chemists test it twice, or oftener, each day, for impurities. Purifying agents, such as lime, sulphate of alumina, chlorine, etc., are supplied in carefully gauged quantities to destroy any bacilli found in the water, and to clarify it of foreign substances. The reservoirs are cleaned at frequent intervals.

"Of all services, that of water supply is probably the most vitally important", according to the article. "That people should be supplied with impure water to drink is unthinkable. More diseases are spread by impure water than by almost any other agent."

Drinking water is furnished in Missouri cities and towns "cheaper than dirt", according to claims of the companies, the article reveals.

R. Q. Jennings, operator at the local office of the Frisco, is again on the job permanently, having received word to this effect from headquarters Monday. Mr. Jennings had the place here but changed jobs, going to the general office at Memphis, but preferred Kennett and wanted to come back here. R. Q. is popular among the traveling public here and his many friends will be glad to learn that he is again on the job permanently.—Kennett News.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

1925 Membership Shows Big Increase

The memberships in the Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association has increased greatly in past year. Every day during the harvesting season, the Association office at New Madrid has received new membership application either by mail or by the applicant in person. The membership books show over a 20 per cent increase.

For the first time, new members have been received in Howell and Ozark Counties. The Association has been receiving fine co-operation from the Farmers Exchange at West Plains. They report that the cotton growers are enthusiastic about the Association, and they expect all the cotton grown there next year to be marketed through the Association.

The members in Missouri received a distribution on all cotton classed to December 1, 1925. The distribution amounted to \$24,310.10 Missouri members. No distribution was made on unclassified cotton.

Ass'n. Members Should Improve Cotton

The members of Missouri Cotton Growers' Association and other cotton growers who market their cotton according to grade and staple, should consult their County Extension Agents in regard to the improvement of their cotton both variety and care in picking and ginning. The Association officials are in position to see this need, and the American Cotton Growers' Exchange has recently received a letter, The International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners & Manufacturers' Association, which shows need for improvement. The letter is as follows:

"At a meeting of the International Committee held in Milan on the 28th of October, 1925, at which the leading representatives of the cotton industry in twenty-one countries were present, the opinion was unanimously expressed that the cotton which is being received from the U. S. A. Cotton Belt is no longer as strong and even in length as used to be the case, say ten years ago, and it was thought that this falling-off in strength and uniformity was largely due to the expansion of short staple cotton varieties.

"It may be that the introduction of the Half-and-Half variety is the cause, as no doubt exists that the ginning factories are mixing the seeds of different varieties, with the result that many of the farmers are growing mixed varieties.

"It would appear to our Committee that the community growing of one variety of cotton in each district is the best solution of the present evil and we would appreciate it if your Association would exert its influence in that direction. Such steps would also materially benefit the individual farmer.—F. Holroyd, President."

Sile Kildew says the old-fashioned fellow that used to spoil his Christmas enjoyment by becoming unconscious on egg-nog, now sits around and tells what a big time he used to have.

Jefferson Potlocks says the young generation seems bright in getting on to things at an early date. What makes him think so is that his youngest boy has already abandoned his spoon for a knife at the eating table.

Washington Hocks says before the architects got to taking such a big hand in house-building, all a person who wanted to build a home had to do was to drive by the sawmill and show the man and the carpenter how big his family was.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

W. C. Calvert to W. C. Calvert and Louise L. Calvert, mother: Lot 28, range A, Libbourn. \$100.

Leonard Sheehan and Pearl Sheehan, his wife, to J. W. Berry and J. D. Berry: Lot 6, block 1 Clayton's Add., Gideon. \$550.

Allen Edwards to Oscar Fuller: E½ lot 2 and all lots 3 and 4 except that part cut off South end lots 3 and 4, St. L. and San Francisco R. R., in blk. 7, Portageville. \$500.

Walter Upton and Nellie Upton, wife, to Rosanna E. Harward: Lots 1-3, block 61, Morehouse. \$200.

Mrs. Nellie Bird Houser and Olive M. Houser, husband to Geo. F. Van Arsdale: S½ sec. 7-8-9, twp. 25, R. 14, containing 60.44 acres. \$5000. See book 83, page 399.

Donal Kiser and Edna Kiser, wife to Edna Kiser: A tract of land beginning at a point in the center of ditch No. 7 and on the north line of sec. 27-22-11, containing 100 acres. See book 83, page 400. \$100, love and affection.

Himmelberger-Harrison Lbr. Co. to Thos. E. Riggs: Lots 3 and 9, block 5 H-H. Lbr. Co., 2nd Add., Risco. \$110.

T. L. Huffman and Isakell Huffman, wife to Frank Hallam and wife: Lot 2, blk. 5, Gideon. \$200.

Marriage License

Guy Harrison and Allie Alberry, Sikeston.

Rufus Johnson and Selta Potts, Morehouse.

Everett Collins, Wyatt and Einnie Summers, Charleston.

Fred Baker and Goldie Summers, East Prairie.

Edgar Wilson and Violet Carmody, Sikeston.

Tom Cagle and Vera Moore, Kewanee.

Bethel McGinnis and Sylva Hopkins, Risco.

Jim Edwards and Celia Howard, Matthews.

Orlan Gee and Grace Reames, Tallapoosa.

Lem Robinson, Cairo and Della Tyson, Portageville.

Homer Green and Eva Tucker, New Madrid.

Le Roy Woosley and Miggonette Bratcher, Catron.

London is to have a Turkish bath exclusively for women, the first in the history of the city.

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Executor of the estate of Sarah E. Shelby, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such execution at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be held at Benton in said county, on the 11th day of January, A. D., 1926.

FRANK A. DENTON, Executor.

Notice of Administration

Notice is hereby given, That Letters of Administration on the estate of Jennie E. Green, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of December, 1925, by the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months after the date of said letters; or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of said letters, they shall be forever barred.

James S. Green and Mrs. Katie L. Cook, Administrators.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the (SEAL) Probate Court of Scott County.

THOS. B. DUDLEY, Probate Judge.

IS WAR GOING?

The treaties at Locarno, the growing favor in which America's participation in the World Court is being looked upon, and other signs of the times, tend to make the following lines seem prophetic:

"Grandfather History, what have we here?"

"A Pirate, a Slave, and a Bottle of Beer—

Three old outlaws behind the bars!"

"Make room for a fourth one—Old Man Mars"—Henry Bundy Wells.

Eighty per cent of the women in Italy are illiterate.

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Mrs. Anne Nicholson Hird, a graduate of Syracuse University, is the only woman member of the American Institute of Mining Engineers.

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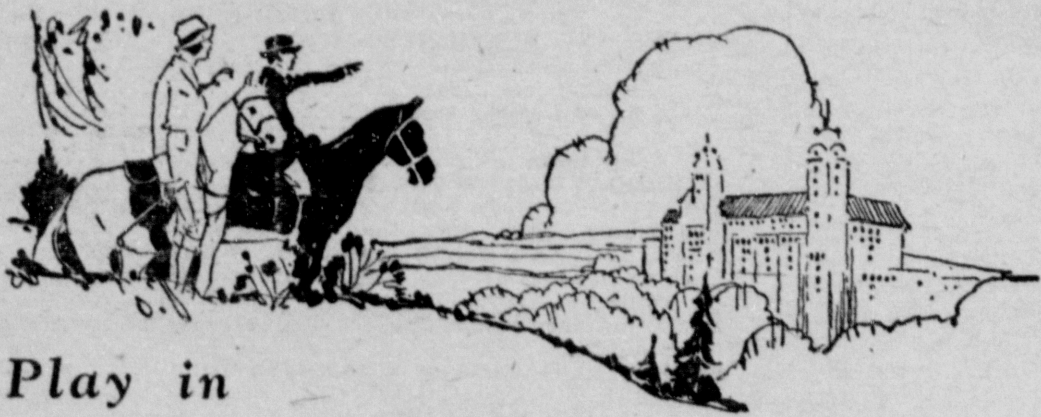
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL
FROM NEW MADRID

Mrs. James A. Finch entertained with an elegant six o'clock dinner on Thursday evening of last week, complimentary to her son, James Austin, and his guests. The home was prettily adorned with the Christmas decorations, which were carried out in the menu. Covers were laid for Chester Brown, Ben Miller, Jr., Norwine Houser, Bud Bauerle and Walker Reeves of Cape Girardeau; Philip Leslie of Morley, Herman Crisler and Elton Richards, Misses Florence Crisler, Nan Riley, Eddy Lou, Dixie and Sybil Massengill, Alice Berryman, Selma Sharp, Catherine Finch and Sue Shelby. The evening was spent in games and dancing.

Friday evening Miss Eddy Lou entertained the house guests of Jas. Finch and a number of girl friends with a line party at the Dixie Theatre, after which they enjoyed a pleasant evening at the home of Miss Lou on Water Street, dancing and playing games, with delightful refreshments being served.

Atty. and Mrs. Jas. Finch accompanied their son and Walker Reeves to Cape Girardeau, where they are attending Teachers' College.

Mrs. Fannie R. Fine left Wednesday for Moerscroft, Wyo., for an extended visit with her sister-in-law, Miss Martha Fine.

Mrs. Maggie Totty of Sikeston was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Parks, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Reeves of Cape Girardeau were guests of Mesdames Jessie Broughton and W. L. Meier last week.

Mitchell Meatte, L. Segal, M. Barakovits, Henry Sutherland and Judge W. W. Largent were among the many from Portageville attending county court in New Madrid, Monday.

Howard Phillips, son of Mrs. Eddy Phillips, left Monday night for St. Marys, to attend school.

Misses Lady Lewis and Harriett Hunter left Tuesday night to resume their studies at Visitation Convent, St. Louis.

Dr. Deane and Miss Geraldine De Lisle of Portageville were visitors in our city Saturday night.

Mrs. Birdie Ransburgh, Mrs. Belle

Bloomfield and Miss Hazel Ransburgh went to St. Louis Sunday night to attend the "Miracle". Miss Ransburgh continued her trip to Port Madison, Ia., where she is teaching school.

Mrs. B. M. Jones will teacher the fourth grade at the public school, filling the vacancy of Miss Kathryn Havalin.

Murray Phillips returned Sunday from a business trip to St. Louis.

W. V. Appuhn of Quincy, Ill., arrived Sunday to join his wife, who is visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Birdie Ransburgh of this city.

Misses Nan Riley and Florence Crisler left Sunday for Columbia, where they are attending Christian College.

Miss Eddy Lou left Sunday for St. Charles, where she is attending Lindenwood College.

County Farm Superintendent Harold Dalby attended County Court in New Madrid Monday and stated that there were nine inmates at the farm, six women and three men.

J. H. Holtermann, real estate dealer of Lilbourn, was a business visitor here, Monday.

Chester Brown, Ben Miller, Jr., Norwine Houser, Bud Bauerle and Walker Reeves of Cape Girardeau were guests of James Austin Finch the latter part of last week.

G. F. Deane of Matthews was a business visitor in New Madrid Wednesday.

Misses Lucille and Virginia Francis, who have been spending the holidays in Jersey City, New Jersey, attended the Inter-Collegiate Prom Ball in New York City this week, given by the Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Cornell students.

Miss Evelyn Hunter will leave on Sunday to resume her studies at Bushe's Conservatory of Music in Chicago.

Mrs. Virginia McCutchen and Mr. and Mrs. A. Cerry of Fornfelt, are guests this week of the Commercial Hotel. Mrs. McCutchen and Mrs. Cerry are mother and sister of Mrs. Lacy.

Lynn Lacy of St. Louis spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lacy of the Commercial Hotel.

L. Shainberg and daughters, Mrs. G. Mann, left Monday for a sojourn at Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Becker and family of Sikeston and their two visitors, Miss Sarah Levine of New York and Wm. Borowsky of Manila, Ark., and Mr. and Mrs. Max Feinstein and family of Portageville spent Sunday at the home of L. Shainberg on Scott Street.

Lee Hunter, of St. Louis, is looking after business matters in New Madrid this week.

T. B. Allen of Sikeston and J. H. Allen of St. Joe are looking after farming interests in New Madrid County this week.

One Hundred Twenty Years Ago

The 11th day of January, 1805, the following deed of bargain and sale to be recorded and the same day recorded:

Eli Pettibone of the district of New Madrid in Louisiana of the one part and David D. Wentzell of the same place: A certain tract or piece of land, lying and being situated in the district of New Madrid, aforesaid and on bayou St. John, consisting of 200 acres, adjoining a tract of land granted to Thos. Powers and which said 200 acres were granted to said Pettibone by his most Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain, or by his Commissioned Commandant, Don Henry Peyrou, the grant bearing the date the 6th of March, 1802.

Full consideration of the above being \$100, current money.

January 17, 1805, Benajah Demint of District of New Madrid in Louisiana, one part and Samuel Hanna of the same place: A certain tract or piece of land consisting of one hundred arpens or Spanish acres, being part of a tract of land on which said Benajah Demint now lives, granted him by Most Catholic Majesty, the King of Spain or his Commandant at the port of New Madrid in Louisiana in 1797, which tract lies in the District of New Madrid, aforesaid on the Deyrun bounded on the side by land granted to John E. Hart, on the Northwest and land granted Isaac Thompson on the Southeast, and at the ends by the King's road deyrun aforesaid, and which one hundred acres aforesaid bargain, sold and achieved as aforesaid by said Benajah Demint to said Samuel Hanna are bounded by said King's road on one side—opposite to land I Faris and by straight lines perpendicular thereto from each and thereof back into said tract so far as to include one hundred arpens or Spanish acres. Two hundred dollars current money.

23d day of January, 1805, following writing in the nature of conveyance presented to be recorded and the same day recorded: New Madrid, April 6, 1804, Elisha Jackson of District of above mentioned to Robert Masters of the same District to me in property consisting of one mare, one colt and electrifying masheen: grant, bargain and sell to said Robert Masters 1 tract of land containing 200 acres, same situate at the east end of Big Prairie fronting King's road adjoining a tract now belonging to Joseph Vandin. \$100.

30th day of March, 1805 following writing in the nature of a deed of gift: Presented to be recorded and same day recorded: Hime Alcosere, soldier in the Spanish service, do hereby empower Jacob Myers of the town and district of New Madrid and territory of Louisiana to take charge of my house and lot in this town, which I now possess until I return, and should I never return, I give the aforesaid lot and improvements to Jacob Myers said lot on one side adjoining the lot of Joseph Charpentier and on the other side, a lot belonging to United States, occupied by American troops.

SOME SCOTT COUNTY
FARM BUREAU NEWS

Contrary to popular belief, most common snakes are neither obnoxious or poisonous, says the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture. The prevalent dread of snakes is due largely to the fear of such venomous species as the cotton-mouth moccasin, the copperhead and the rattlesnake. Although these poisonous snakes have no place in a settled country, and efforts should be made to eradicate them, yet most common snakes are beneficial in their food habits and should be protected. Wherever snakes are present, in abnormally large numbers there must be an abundance of living animal food in the vicinity to attract them. This food consists largely of injurious rodents and insects, pests of garden crops and stored foodstuffs. Snakes eat such small living creatures as earthworms, spiders, grasshoppers, salamanders, small frogs, mice, rats, chipmunks and young rabbits. King snakes are able to kill rattlesnakes, and have been known to eat them. The little red-bellied snake subsists to a large extent on slugs, which are very destructive to garden crops.

Lightning rods, or more properly lightning conductors, are nearly always made of copper or heavily galvanized iron or steel, the former generally in the form of a stranded cable, the latter of star cross section twisted into a long spiral. Copper is somewhat the better in durability. Both kinds of conductor when correctly installed give satisfactory protection. Copper conductors should weigh not less than 3 ounces per foot; iron not less than 320 pounds per thousand feet, or a little over 5 ounces per foot. Lightning conductors should be attached direct to the surface of a building with insulators. The air terminals to protect upward-pointing parts of the roof, should be secured against overturning by the wind, and the ground connections extended downward to permanently moist soil, usually found at a depth of 8 or 10 feet below the surface. All joints should be permanently made and of low electrical resistance.

C. D. Matthews, Jr., left for Alton, Sunday night, where he will resume his studies at Western Military Academy.

Mrs. Randall Wilson, who was to have entertained the young married people's bridge club on Wednesday evening, recalled her invitations because of the deaths of near friends in our city.

Mrs. Harry Dudley will accompany Major Dudley as far as St. Louis, where she will visit a few days. Major Dudley will attend the Governor's reception in Jefferson City, Saturday, January 9.

Mrs. C. L. Blanton postponed her bridge party to have been given in honor of Mrs. Wm. E. Payne of Balston, Va., and Miss Blanton of Paris, Mo., to sympathize with those who are in sorrow.

We are glad to receive communication from Mrs. Frank Heisler, that regardless of the fact Mr. Heisler was even worse than Dr. Porterfield expected to find him and was on the operating table two hours and forty-five minutes, is doing nicely and it is hoped and expected he will be home in a few weeks.

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NEW MADRID COUNTY FARM BUREAU NEWS

Damaged Cotton Seed Valuable Fertilizer

Some Southeast Missouri farmers are reporting prices of only \$5 per ton offered for the seed from the late picked or snapped cotton. "Any damaged seed are worth more than \$5 per ton as fertilizer" according to Ide P. Trotter, Extension Cotton Specialist of the Missouri College of Agriculture. "Average damaged seed it worth from \$10 to \$15 per ton for fertilizer, especially in those sections which produce small plants for lack of humus and available plant food in the soil.

"Many thousands of bales of cotton remain to be ginned in Southeast Missouri. The hundreds of tons of seed from these will be absolutely ruined for planting seed and they will have practically no value for oil mill crushing. The wise farmer, says Trotter, "will take advantage of this situation to put some valuable plant food in the form of damaged cotton seed back on his poorest acres rather than sacrifice them at less than their fertilizing value".

He added that with each 500 pounds of seed an application of 100 to 150 pounds of acid phosphate should be made to balance the fertilizer. The seed should also be put out as early as possible and worked into the soil to hasten decay. The plant roots can't use them till they rot.

Lots of cotton hulls and some of these damaged cotton seed spread on the thin parts of the farm where cotton rusted badly last year will help greatly in building the soil up to produce crops more cheaply for the next few years.

Hulls and seed will help you succeed.

Time to Start

1925 is now past and 1926 is here. It is time for every farmer who wants to be business-like and know what is costing him money and what is bringing him profits to begin to get ready for keeping simple accounts. Very few farmers realize that the cotton crop last year not only was one of the best that could be expected, but was also one of the cheapest made—and only the man who has kept a few simple accounts can tell just how cheaply it was made. Had the season been such that much chaffing had to be done and labor had to be hired, the country would have been in a much worse shape than it is now. Every farmer should know all through the year just what he is spending on each crop, and although he cannot tell what price he will get for it, he can at least figure on a minimum price and make his expenses below that. Of course, if he has no way of telling what he is spending, then it is almost impossible for him to cut down the expense since he does not know where to begin cutting—or in nine cases out of ten how.

It is very important for every farmer to realize that farming is a business, and I defy any man to show me a successful business man who does not keep books, therefore, if you are going to be successful in farming, you cannot be hap-hazard or slipshod in your methods, and you must know what your expenses are on every crop. D. C. Wood, of the Farm Management Department, University of Missouri, is willing to help any farmer in keeping simple records. The County Agent is also willing to help and anyone desiring assistance or a simple record blank need only to send a card or letter to the County Agent.

The Standard, \$1.50 per year

CHARTER NO. 206
Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the SIKESTON TRUST COMPANY at Sikeston, State of Missouri, at close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in The Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 8th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS
Loans and discounts on personal and collateral security \$148,651.62
Loans on real estate security 36,102.67

Total loans \$184,754.29
Banking house None, furniture and fixtures \$2,075.00 2,075.00
Real estate owned, other than banking house 39,601.84
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS AND BANKERS
Cash on hand (Currency, gold, silver and other coin) \$ 9,582.28
Due from other banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check \$100,208.34
Checks on other banks in same City or Town 6,171.52

Total cash and due from banks and bankers \$115,962.14

Total \$342,393.27

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund 20,000.00
Undivided profits \$15,878.16
Less current expenses and taxes paid 10,345.51
Cashier's checks outstanding 1,276.93

DEMAND DEPOSITS
Individual deposits subject to check \$219,602.90
State, County or municipal deposits (secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond) 4,764.48
Due to banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check 916.88

Total demand deposits \$225,284.26

TIME DEPOSITS

Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed) \$25,340.01
Savings deposits requiring withdrawal notice of 30 days or more 14,959.42

Total time deposits 40,299.43

Total \$342,393.27

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF SCOTT, SS:
We, G. B. Greer as president, and L. M. Stallcup as secretary of said Trust Company, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

G. B. GREER, President.
L. M. STALLCUP, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of January A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring August 29, 1928.)
C. C. Scott, Notary Public.

JAS. M. KLEIN
S. W. APPLIGATE
H. L. SMITH

Directors

CHARTER NO. 1670

Official Statement of the Financial Condition of the PEOPLES BANK OF SIKESTON, at Sikeston, State of Missouri, at close of business on the 31st day of December, 1925, published in The Sikeston Standard, a newspaper printed and published at Sikeston, State of Missouri, on the 8th day of January, 1926.

RESOURCES

LOANS AND DISCOUNTS
Loans and discounts on personal and collateral security \$159,825.35
Loans on real estate security 16,667.12

Total loans \$176,492.47
OVERDRAFTS, unsecured \$19.77 19.77
Banking house \$19,093.93, furniture and fixtures \$635.75 19,729.68
Real estate owned, other than banking house 22,596.01
CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS AND BANKERS
Cash on hand, (Currency, gold, silver and other coin) \$13,613.70
Due from other banks, bankers and trust companies subject to check 94,878.36
Checks on other banks in same City or Town 3,222.31

Total cash and due from banks and bankers 111,714.37

Total \$330,552.30

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in \$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund 30,177.03
Undivided profits \$23,786.77
Less current expenses and taxes paid 22,225.66

DEMAND DEPOSITS
Individual deposits subject to check \$210,391.94

Total demand deposits 210,391.94

TIME DEPOSITS
Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed) \$27,804.77
Savings deposits requiring withdrawal notice of 30 days or more 10,617.45

Total time deposits \$ 38,422.22

Total \$330,552.30

STATE OF MISSOURI, COUNTY OF SCOTT, SS:
We, F. M. Sikes, as president, and R. F. Anderson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

F. M. SIKES, President.
R. F. ANDERSON, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 5th day of January A. D. nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring March 10, 1927.)
W. P. Wilkerson, Notary Public.

A. C. SIKES
C. S. TANNER
J. F. COX

Directors

CONDENSED OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE

BANK OF SIKESTON SIKESTON, MO.

at the close of business December 31, 1925

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts \$ 457,321.14
U. S. Gov't. and Other
Bonds 274,903.81
Furniture and Fixtures 1,430.86
Cash and Sight Exchange 542,508.62

\$1,276,164.43

LIABILITIES

Capital \$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Profits 100,026.66
Cashier's Checks 24,844.71
Deposits 1,051,293.06

\$1,276,164.43

The above statement is correct.

JOS. L. MATTHEWS, Cashier.